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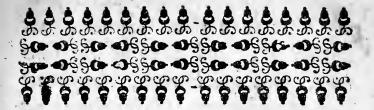
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PREFACE.

wonder at the disposing thus, the several Relations in this small Volume: I shall therefore for his satisfaction give this following account. That the Exploits of Captain Sharp, and others in the South Sea, in service of the Emperour of Darien, A 2 being

being the first that came to my Hands, at the time the late History of Buccanieres was published; and I finding it to be a plain Journal, not unpleasant, and much of the same kind, writ by a Seaman, though not learned and accurate in his stile; yet one that certainly was very skilful and industrious in the Art of Sailing, who feems to have given a true and just Relation of what befel them in that Expedition: most of which I have heard confirmed by others, who were actually present in all those Adventures: For that reason I thought it might not be unacceptable to the world. To which I have only this to add, That this Emperor of Darien had been formerly surprized by the Spaniards, and by them carried to Panama, where he learnt indifferently the Spanish Language, and was called by them Sennor don Andreas;

dreas: But be, after his escape, for their kind treatment of him, bas never ceased making War upon them, always falling on whereever he sees any good opportunity; and when like to be overpowered, he retreats amongst his Hills, Woods, and Rivers, with which last his Countrey is very well stored, and To baffles the industrious revenge of his Enemies. The exact limits of that which is properly called the Province or District of Darien (which our Author has omitted to give us) are thus described.

It is bounded on the South by the Kingdom of New Granada; by the Gulf of Uraba or Darien on the East; by the South Sea on the West; and on the North by the Province of Panama; to which Government this is now annexed, I mean, fo much as the Spaniards have of it. A 3

It took its name from the River so called, running into the South Sea, and has a small Town, though once a great City, called Santa Maria del Darien, but more commonly, Santa Maria only, and sometimes la Antigua, signifying the Ancient City.

The next thing which is a short Account of Van Horns taking la Vera Cruz, being more Modern, and of the same nature, I added; together with the destroying the French Pyrates by Captain Carlisle, that it may be seen what care is taken to Suppress such as molest so considerable a support of our Nation, as is our Trade and Commerce with Foreign Countries; of which that with Spain is not the least: for by it more of our Manufactures are taken off, than by any other what soever. Besides this

this of Captain Carlisle's, if I had the leasure, I could have given an account of several others, both Men of War, and Merchant-Ships, fitted and manned out as such, by the Goverours of Jamaica, Barbados, and the Leeward Islands, on purpose for scouring the Seas of the Buccanieres or Pyrates, who being a mixture of divers Nations, but the greatest part of them French and Dutch, make Prize of all they meet.

The third Relation is of Sir Henry Morgan, which according to method ought to have been placed first, but
I had no intentions of printing that,
till I had read over and considered
the said History of Buccanieres, and
then thought my self obliged no longer to conceal such an Authentick account of that Expedition: To which

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I have adjoyned the President of Panama's Letter, which was intercepted, going for Spain, and confirms (if need were) the Credit of the precedent Relation.

As to the last Paper, in which is mentioned the settling the Peace in those parts, with a Description of the City of Carthagena; since it related somewhat to the foregoing Pieces, I thought it not improper, with it to conclude these Miscellanies.

But I confess, I had yet another design in printing that one Expedition of Sir Henry Morgan, which was, That I might in some measure rescue the Honour of that incomparable Souldier and Seaman, from the Hands of such as would load him with the blackest infamy. I could not there.

therefore forbear making some few reflections on the aforementioned History of Buccanieres, but more
especially that part which concerns
Sir Henry Morgan and the English. For it is against them, the
Authors Malice seems most to be aimed, endeavouring on all occasions to
represent them the most Lewd, Persidious, and Barbarous People in the
World.

And whereas the Translator, who, I confess, seems to have performed his part well enough, in having rendered it from the Spanish Translation, does in his Encomiums of the Author, comparing him to the admirable Historian Comines, very much extoll his Candour, and sidelity, in recording the Astions and Valour of the English; then at large he commends his Stile and Method;

thod; and highly applauds the Truth and Sincerity of his Hiftory.

I will not trouble my self to shew the inequality of the Parallel, with the incomparable Comines: And as for his faithful recording their Actions, and Valour, I must allow him to have writ some of their heroick Exploits well enough, which of themselves were so Eminent, that had he gone about to have lessened, it would have taken away all credit from his History: But he has most maliciously stigmatized them all the while, as valiant Thieves and Murderers. So that there is no Man that reads them, who does not conceive a horrour against the barbarous Actors of those Cruelties.

Neither will I find fault with the Authors Stile, and Method; But it is chiefly the boasted Truth and fincerity of the History which I am most concerned to expose, being therein able to detect innumerable Falsities; and for Vouchers of what I affirm, can produce a whole Cloud of Witnesses; many of which Romances are so palpable, that the Author could not possibly write them by mistake, but has inserted them on purpose, certainly as embellishments to set off his Story.

To begin then with Sir Henry Morgan's Parentage; He makes him the Son of a Yeoman, and that he fold himself for Barbados; when it is sufficiently known he was deficended of an honourable Family in Monmouthshire, and went at first

out of England, with the Army commanded by General Venables for Hispaniola and Jamaica.

Then his cruel usage of the Spaniards at Puerto Velo, Maracaibo, Gibraltar and Panama, Murdering many in cold blood; Racking and torturing some to confess where their Treasure lay, till they dyed; Starving others in Prison; Ravishing Women, and the like barbarities; which this Dutch Comines affirms he saw him not only suffer his Men daily to commit, but acted himself as their example. All those Cru= elties, contrary to the nature and temper of an Englishman, I have heard absolutely contradicted by persons of infallible credit; and any may be convinced of the foulness of the Scandal thrown on this Excellent Man, who are but acquainted with (uch

such as then lived in Jamaica, many of whom are now living in London. Nay the English Merchants of Cadiz, who resided there at the time these Spaniards of Panama returned from the Indies, affirm, that those very persons confessed, Sir Henry Morgan was so far from doing any such base Actions, That they highly applauded his Generosity, and the Care he took, That none of those severe things should be practifed by his Men, as are usual by a Conquerour, when he has his Enemies at his mercy, after an obstinate resistance. This makes me think that our Dutch Author, having the Idea of the Business of Amboina in his Head, has endeavoured to copy out that, and lay it on the English, to render them as infamous to Posterity, for these supposed villanies in the West-Indies, as some of his Coun-

Countreymen have by their real ones in the East.

I am also affured by good Au= thority, That the Tale of Sir Henry Morgan his ill usage of the Spanish Lady at Panama, is al= together a Romance; for so careful was he, that as soon as he had taken the Town, and quenched the five, he caused most of the Women of the City to be brought to one place, where he set a strict guard over them, to prevent the Souldiers, or any others abusing them, and gave out his Orders, prohibiting all men the offering them the least violence or injury, on pain of a severe punishment. And under what loose government soe= ver his men are represented to have lived; I affirm, That few Generals have kept their Armies with a more strict Discipline, than he. Nor can I think

it possible for him to have done all those great Actions with Men of so base and dissolute tempers, as our Dutch Historian paints them to be: But, Piensa el Ladron, que todos son de su Condicion.

And for confirmation of what I have now asserted; At his return from Panama, when he brought the Prisoners to la Cruz, in his way to Chagre Castle, to induce them to pay their Ransomes; the Women, especially such as seemed to be of any quality, and could ride, were set on Horses, Mules, or Asses, and had Men appointed to attend them with all respect. And our Dutch Mandevil Says that such as were not able to redeem themselves, were transported; which is of equal credit with the rest of his villanous Tales. For I am assured that no one person, Man, Woman or Child (the Slaves only

only excepted) were so much as ever carried a shipboard, but were acquitted and set at liberty, when he embarked.

chel Ladson, quetodos Landida Moreover this Celebrated Buccanier-Historian, relating these Acts of Hofility done in the Indies against the Spaniards, infinuates all along, That these were all Robberies and savage Butcheries, committed by Sin Henry Morgan and the rest of his Crew, who were a parcel of Thieves, Murtherers and Pyrates; Men who did all this for the Jake of Plunder, Blood shed, and Rapine, without any other colour or pretext what sever; filling the World with horrour and annazement at the reading his terrible Stories: So that out of Malice, or at best, Ignorance, he omits to tell us, That though we had not formally a War proclaimed against the Spaniards there in the Indies,

dies, yet would not they listen to any proposals of Peace with us, beyond the Tropick, till about the year 1670. that it had been concluded in Madrid by Sir William Godolphin his Majesties Ambassador there, and the Articles sent over from hence by Sir Thomas Linch to Jamaica; before which time, there daily happened great Acts of Hostility and Depredations on either side, done as well by the Spaniards against us, as by the English against them; and no doubt but Revenge spurred on many that had been sufferers, to the committing some severe things, and to heightening the Rage on both sides. For the Spaniards all this while were not idle, they took our Merchants ships; Plundred and Spoiled our Plantations, particularly at Jamaica; Used our Men with all the severity and rigour, hat an enemy could do, throwing them ver board, exposing them in Boats;

and on Rafts, without Provision, to the mercy of the Sea; Turning them on uninhabited Islands; Leaving them on Countreys to be destroyed by the Indians, keeping and starving them in Dungeons, and making slaves of them. All which severities might well incense such as out-lived these miseries, if they ever escaped, to put in practice all manner of Revenge.

Now if I have rightly stated this point, then neither Sir Henry Morgan, nor any that fought under him, can be said to be Pyrates or Buccanieres; I mean, if he acted by Commission from Sir Thomas Muddiford, or any Governour of Jamaica before him; as, if I mistake not, I have heard he really did; which if true, though done without the Kings allowance or knowledge, I presume it justifies him, though not the Governour; So that any

Fleet, might in time of War as well be called Pyrates; and an Historian deficibing the miseries attending a War between two Princes, might term the men slain in Battle, to be murdered; and the Calamities befalling a Town taken by storm, to be cruelties exertised by Thieves and Robbers, for the sake of Plunder, and satiating their thirst after Blood.

I would not have any judge me so vain, to think my self able to vindicate these men from every ill Action, and imagine I could make them pass for Saints: But I still affirm, that those dismal Stories of Murdering in cold Blood, Torturing, Ravishing, Starving, and other such Barbarities, are foisted in by the Author, to lard his History with delightful variety, and to six an odium on the English Nation in general, that they may be hated

hated by others. And I further say, That perchance never Man behaved himself with more true valour and resolution of mind to accomplish what he had undertaken, shewed more prudent and soldierly Conduct, nor took more care for preventing all ir= regularities amongst his Men, by his own example, than the renowned Sir Henry Morgan, who has been thus scandalously affronted by these Scurrilous Pens: For I cannot call otherwise either the Dutch Author, or Spanish and English Transla= tors. Since there is no doubt but that if he had been the Pyrate, and ill Man, he is by them painted out to be; he would have been punished as such a one, instead of being honoured with a Knighthood, as he was at his coming home to England: and since that made Deputy-Governour of Jamaica, under the

Right Honourable the Earl of Carlisse, and Lieutenant-General of the said Island.

There is one absurd story more, amongst many others, which I had like to have passed over without remark; that is, His firing the (ity of Panama just at his entring in= to it, as this French-Hollander affirms; which if he did, it was but ill Policy, to burn the Town he came so far to plunder, 'ere he was well got within it. But this is owned by the President, in his Letter, to have been done by the Spaniards themselves, on purpose to disappoint the English of their Booty. By this ridiculous falsity, may the Credit of the rest of that History be conje-Etured.

Many errours could I point out in that

that which is his Natural History of the Indies; as for instance, his Story of seeing the Caymanes or Cocodrills Juffer their young ones to play and run into their Bellies; for which Fancy he must have been, I suppose, obliged to Pliny or Ælian; for I dare say , no Man that has lived in the Indies will vouch for him. But these being besides my business, I pass by: and have only this more to say, That I forbear to print any more, at present, than that one Expedition of Sir Henry Morgan, thinking that sufficient to convince the Falsities of that scandalous History of Buccanieres.

What acts of Hostility have been committed since the Peace made in the year 1670. betwixt the Spaniards, and the Privatiers of several Nations; have been many and consi-

considerable, amongst which we have had no small loss fallen on our Merchant men, trading there in the West-Indies, causing a great obstruction to our Trade. The number of our Ships taken since then, as I am informed, is no less than one Hundred and Twenty, a List of at least one half of which, I am able to have here inserted; which thing I fear increases the number of Privatiers, in those Seas.

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ADVENTURES

OF

Capt. Barth. Sharp,

And Others, in the

South Sea.

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on to the undertaking of the 1680.
most difficult Adventures, is April.
he sacred hunger of Gold; and 'twas
sold was the bait that tempted a Pack
of merry Boys of us, near Three Hun-

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dred in Number, being all Souldiers of An.Dom. Fortune, under Command (by our own April. Election) of Captain John Coxon, to list our selves in the Service of one of the Rich West Indian Monarchs, the Emperour of Darien or Durian. Which Country has its Name from a River fo called, running into the South Sea, almost a cross the Isthmus, which is between the two formerly Great Empires of Mexico and Peru, and joyns the Northern and Southern America.

These Emperours of Darien heretofore commanded a large Tract of Land, lying about the Bay of Darien, but are now reduced to much narrower limits by their Enemies the Spaniards, with whom they have continual Wars. The Seat of this Empire is now in a Place called by us the Golden Island in the faid Bay of Darien, not very far distant from Porto Belo, where the Spaniards ship their Treasure on board their Gallions for Spain.

After a kind invitation from the Indians, and Treaty with the Emperour in Person, he gladly listned to our Propositions and accepted us into his Service, refolving with us to attempt the reco-4 77W

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very of some of those Places, the Spaniards had taken, and kept from him; An. Dom. particularly Santa Maria, once the Bishop's See of that Diocese, which was fince removed to Panama. It is now but a small Town with a little Fort, which serves for a Guard to the Spaniards while they gather their Golddust, brought down on the Sands of a River running into the Darien. The thoughts of a rich Booty encouraged us to this Design, but we were all firmly resolved, that in case we missed of good fuccess in this, to undertake a more hazardous Enterprize; which was to go down the River Darien, and in our Canoes attempt the surprise of the City of Panama, and Ships lying there; this being the Port where the Spaniards unlade their Vessels, which bring their Treasure from Ciudad de los Reyes, or Lima, as we still call it, and from all other parts there on the South Sea; as they likewife from thence export all their Merchandise coming from Europe, which is landed at Porto Belo, and brought over land thither to Panama.

Though the Undertaking seemed very imprudent, we having no shipping

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of our own there, and there being no An.Dom. other way home for us (as we then had 1680. ever heard of) but round about through the Streights of Magellan, or Le Maire, when we should have made our selves Masters of some of their Vessels, yet the incouragement we had, in the expectation of fraighting home our Coffers with Spanish Gold, and Pieces of Eight, overcame all difficulties; together with the hopes the Indians gave us of our getting to Panama e're the Spaniards could have intelligence of our coming, and the satisfaction we had of the promise of having along with us, the Company of our Emperour, under whose Commission we fought. These I fay were the allurements that induced us to list our selves into this Service.

5. Mund. All things being thus concluded on, upon Munday the fifth day of April we landed about Seven a Clock in the morning, and began our march with our Emperour in the head of us till two in the afternoon, and took up our Quarters for that night in some Indian Houses.

6. Tuesd. At the first appearance of day we began our march; our last nights

nights Lodging, (Chambers and Silk An. Dom. Beds being as much out of Fashion here, as they were in Adam's time) was nothing better than the cold Farth coverthing better than the cold Earth covered by the Starry Canopy, which gave us but small encouragement to stay longer, and travelled up a steep Mountain till about three, at which hour we came to a fresh Spring of Water where we sat down and rested our selves, then marching about fix miles further we took up

our Lodgings by a River-side.

7. Wedn. Early in the morning we continued our march to King Goldencaps Court; going till four we met two Indians loaden with Fruit which the King had fent us as a present, which we thankfully accepted, and marching an hour longer we came to the King's Pallace, where he with his Nobility and Men of the best Quality gave us a kind Reception and Entertainment. These Inhabitants are very handsome people though Tawny, but clean limbed and well fcatured, and are very obliging and affable, as those of our Men who afterwards marche pack again, over Land, experienced.

8. Thursd. This day finding such good Entertainment we staid at the Court,

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An. Dom. being Favourites not inconfiderable, and 1680. ty was.

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9. Frid. In the morning we took our leave, and our path being bad, were forced to wade a River fifty or fixty times, which almost foundered us, at last we came to three large Indian Houses where we had free quarter, and found all things convenient for refreshment (by the Emperors and Kings command) ready provided, as Plantins, Bonances and Moria Flesh, but the same Lodging that Nature affords Animals, less mischievous than our felves, the Earth.

10. Saturd. We continued our march, and at night took our Lodging, (where the Poets fancy fo many delicacies and advantages of fenfual enjoyment, but for my part I would not envy their pastime had I had the Poets Bed in Exchange, for the Green Bank of a River on which we lay, whether perfumed with Rofes or Jessamines; our tired limbs had not leifure to fearch, or our fences any vacancy for meer weariness from fleeping to perceive.) 1940 2129

II. Sund. Early in the morning, our Indian conforts having a few small Ca-

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going down the River met with feveral 1680. ficial: As first great falls, and then the Spaniards throwing great Trees cross the Rivers, by which we lost several of our Canoes, the rest of our Men marching by Land to the place where the Emperour had ordered our Rendezvouz.

12. Mund. This day the remainder of our Men embarked at a place where the Emperour had provided more Canoes, and had a pleasant Voyage. About four in the afternoon we arrived at the appointed place, but not finding our fellow Souldiers there, who embarked the day before us, as we expected, it created in us a jealousie that the Indians had thus divided us, the better to execute some treachery, by the affishance of the Spaniard, the Emperor perceiving by our Caballing and Whispering among our felves, that we had some cause of distatisfaction, Commanded a Canoe to row up another arm of the River in fearch of our Men, and meeting two Canoes with some of them, they returned with all expedition to us, and informed us of their fafety, and that they had

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had been honourably treated by the InAn.Dom. dians, and would be with us the next
1680. morning; so here we staid for them this
April. night.

which not a little confirmed us in the good opinion we had of the Indians fidelity; we staid here all day to rest our selves, and fit our Arms and Necessaries for our next days proceedings, the Emperor acquainting us we were near the Town, which we were glad to hear; our tedious march put us quite out of sancy of walking to take the Air any more, now we were fallen so low down the River; the Emperour and the King had provided Canoes, &c. enough for us all.

14. Wedn. We rose with the day, and all embarked, also the Emperour and King with us; the Emperour was Cloathed with a loose Robe or Mantle of pure Gold, which was extraordinary Splendid and Rich. The King was in a White Cotton Coat fringed round the bottom, about his Neck a Belt of Tygers Teeth, and a Hat of pure Gold, with a Ring and a Plate like a Cockle Shell hanging at it of Gold in his Nose, which is the Fashion

Fashion in this Country for the people An.Dom. of Quality, and which for what I could An.Dom. perceive was the only distinction. We rested not this day or night, and at two April. rested not this day or night, and at two in the morning we landed within two miles of Santa Maria, and shrowded our selves in the Woods till day light.

15. Thursd. About fix this morning we attacqued the place and carried it with little difficulty, it being a Stockadoe Fort, and a small Town of Thatched Houses. This Fort of Santa Maria was kept by the Spaniards for the conveniency of gathering Dust-Gold, which the River affords plenty of, and the poor Natives are the Drudges to gather it for them. We designed to make no further progress, being told there was a sufficient quantity of Gold-dust at this place to enrich us all, but the wary Spaniards had carried it away two days before, as thinking a conveyance of their own contriving safer than ours, though not so well guarded as it would have been by us.

17. Saturd. Disappointment is an incentive to Revenge, and good Resolution the commander of Success; these being now our cheisest directors, we sitted our

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An. Dom. could, being loth to return empty han.

1680. ded, and at the tide of Ebb defigned to fall down, to see what fate would afford in the Southern Ocean. At this place it flows near two fathom perpendicular. The River is else very showly and full of Banks, which are dry at low Water. About twelve in the night we came to a Watering place, where we got drink, the River being Salt, here we staid till morning filling Water, it being very dark, and the mouth of the River wide, one branch of it coming from the Golden Mines; but having no Chymist to refine the Ore, we thought it best to go: look for it where it was to be had with the King of Spains Arms on it, for we like other Children loved Pictures strangely.

18. Sund. This morning we proceeded on our intended Voyage, and about eleven in the forenoon we saw the South Sea; then coming to a small Isle near the mouth of the River Darien we rested our felves; from this we went to another about two Leagues distant, and

took our Lodging there.

19. Mund. At day light we put from this

this Isle, and rowing not above half an hour, the Wind blew very hard and An Dom. against the tide of Ebb, which made a April. great Sea, and had like to have put a period to all our atcheivements: One of our Canoes being overset with seven Men in her; but it pleased God, that with extream danger even to those that rescued them, they were all saved. It being a certain truth that those who are born to be hang'd shall never be drown'd, it proving so with us, one of our Company being hang'd at Jamaica on Rort Royal; And we were very near it here in London; After this having a violent storm of rain we were forced on shoar upon a long fandy bank, where we built a House and were content to Lodg in it this night.

weather again, we put to Sea with our Fleet of Canoes. Towards noon it began to blow hard, yet nothing is difficult to a willing mind, so we proceeded; About two in the after noon we put ashoar at an Isle to look some Water to drink, and finding some in the stinking holes of the Rocks we drank it as heartily as Canary. This Island is high, round, and

and Rocky, and here is plenty of Sea An.Dom. Fowl; we staid not long here, but about 1680. four of the Clock we came to Planting April. Isle, where finding a Bark, and we standing in need of Shipping, put some of our Men on board here; At this place we took Quarters for this night; There was on board the Bark 130. Men, so this was now our Admiral, the rest being Canoes that carried from six to sisteen Men.

ted from this Isle, with the Bark and Canoes, being bound for the Island of Chipila for Provisions, we in our way, met with one of the Spaniards Armadilloo Barks, or little Men of War, who fell foul of us, Killing one Man and Wounding five more, so left us. Having not Provisions, and perceiving we should be continually Skirmishing, we went on shoar at this Island, and lay there that night.

for our wants on this Isle, we were refolved to seek further, so we stood to the Westward, rowing along the shoar all that day and the night following, in hopes to reach another Island where we

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in the South Sea.

vere informed we might accommodate

our selves with necessaries.

23. Frid. We parted with our Bark 1680. nd 130. Men in her, whom we had ent to look some Water for us, where hey could find it, early in the mornng; And soon after we met with three Armadillo Barks with 280 Men on board hem, which engaged our Fleet of Caoes, having in all scarce above 200 sound Men in them. These three Barks were itted out of Panama, who by this had otice from Santa Maria of our approach, n purpose to cut us off, thus unprovided f Shipping, or convenience of defence, eing in Canoes that carried some fix. ome eight and ten, to fifteen Men, which aning on one fide might overset the iggest; however nothing daunted at ne disadvantage of Fight, we made a esolution rather than drown in the Sea, r beg Quarter of the Spaniard, whom ve used to Conquer, to run the exreamest hazard of Fire and Sword, and iter a sharp Contest, still birding with fur Fusees as many as durst peep over weck, we boarded one of them, and carmed her; so with her we took the second; and the third had certainly run the same

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An. Dom. (though to speak without diminution of the Commanders courage) he staid as long as he could, and we plyed him very warmly, fo that though we know not certainly how many Men they lost on board, yet are confident but few found Men returned to their City.

In this engagement we had eleven Men Killed right out, and thirty four

more Wounded dangerously.

These Vessels being purposely sitted out for this design, afforded but small conveniency for our Wounded Men; for we went in chase of a larger Ship which we foon after took, put our Wounded Men on board her, and lay before the City of Panama, as well to refresh our tired Men, as to show them, they were not like to be rid of us fo.

25. Sund. Captain John Coxon, with fifty Men perswaded the Indians to return back, being a little in difgrace amongst our Men, as something tainted with cowardize in the late action, which made him leave us, and take with him his Chyrurgeon, and most of our best Medicines, not having any consideration or respect for our Wounded Men which

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ve had on board, being forty in numper, as a Man of moral honesty ought An. Dom. o have had: Thus making our retreat he more unsafe by taking away fifty ound Men, and then leaving us destiute of remedies for the recovery of our Wounded and Sick; but this last thing was unknown to the rest of our Company.

26. Mund. Captain Coxon being gone, Captain Sawkins and Captain Sharp haing full Commission from our said Emperour of Darien, agreed to stay in those eas till our Wounded Men were cued; After this we had lay some time efore Panama, and took some of their hips, one of which flipt by us in the ight, but we followed her with an Oyer Bark into the Harbour; and so near he shoar that we could hear the Spaiards talk, and fetched her out again. he came with money to pay off the ouldiers, but we eased them of it; it eing 60000 pieces of Eight, which we ivided amongst us the next day, comng to 247 pieces of Eight per Man; hen we went to a small Island which hey call Taboga for Wood, Water, and ther Necessaries, and staid there till May the 13th. May

May 13. After we had thus for so manda. No. ny days blocked up the Harbour of Panama, and having maturely debated the Condition we were in, beginning to want Provisions, we designed to take

fome Town on the Main that might supply our Necessities; so we weighed and stood along shoar till the 23. of May, at which time we arrived at the Isles of Quiblo.

25. We landed some of our Men here to look for Provisions, where Captain Sawkins being too rash, and landing before the rest of our Men, who were in other Canoes with Captain Sharp, and running up to the Town, which having timely notice of our coming, had made several Brest-works for our reception, entertained him very hotly, yetche being a man that nothing upon Earth could terrifie, ran eagerly up to the end of their works, and though at that time not one fourth part of our men were landed, fell in amongst a thousand of them, as they that retreated informed us, and was there unfortunately killed with two men more, and five wounded; the remainder drew off, still skirmishing till they came to their Boats, by which time

Thus Rashness and Want of conduct 1680.

Overthrew our design, yet we took a May.

Bark at the Rivers mouth loaden with

Montego and Indian Corn. As affairs were now with us, we took this for good Provisions, and so returned to our Ships; When we came on board there hapned a great distraction amongst our Men, which was occasioned by the death of Captain Sawkins. In this mutiny seventy five more of our Men left us, and returned over Land as they came, delivering up their Commissions to our Emperour. Captain Gooke who was Commander of a Ship, not inding things answering to his desire ind expectation, laid down his Comnission and went on board Captain Sharp.

At this juncture, things lookt with a ery bad aspect: But Captain Sharp, who was created by us Captain, or raher General, made head against all disculties, and resolved to stay by our oor Wounded Men and make a further iscovery in those Seas. For performance of which he ordered Mr. John Cox of the out the May-flower, and put for-

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ty Men on board her, which he did, and An. Dom. we now design'd to find a place where we might carreen our Vessels; thus we June. spent our time till the sixth of June following.

June the fixth, We set sail from Quible in the afternoon, bound for the Gallipagoes, which are seven Islands that lie under the Aquinoctial, and about

100 leagues from the main.

8. Tuesd. This day at twelve the Eastermost Isle of Quiblo bore N.6 leagues dist. lat. 7 deg. 30 min. wind South

West, much rain.

The winds hung at South West, and South West and by South so long, with very much rain, that we could not go to the Southward, but fell in with an Isle called Gorgony which lies in 3 deg. 10 min. N. where we found pretty good convenience to fit our Ships; we arrived here the 17th. Inft.

17th. Here we lay and carreened the Trinity, but could not bring her Keil up, because she had sprung her Mainmast, but the May-flower Captain Cox his Vessel we laid ashoar, and gave her a Coat of Tallow; this is a good Isle for Wood, Water, Timber, Pearl, Oysters

Conies

in the bouth beg.

Conies, Monkies; and some rank Turtle An. Dom. with which we feasted our selves till July 1680.

The 25th. 1680.

July.

25. July. Being Sunday, we set Sail from Gorgony, bound to the Southward,

wind West, and West South West.

26. and 27 Plying along shoar, wind

West, and South West.

28. Wedn. This day and night we had the wind round the compass, with very much rain; in the night we lost fight of the Trinity, we lower'd our Top-sails and halled up our Courses, judging our selves to windward of her, and staid for her a whole watch, but not seeing her we made Sail and plied to windward.

29. Thursd. This twenty four hours we had the wind in the day at West, at night South East, that we laid very good slants along the shoar; we had very much rain, and saved seven Jarrs of Water, and in carrying Sail sprung our Main-top-mast.

30. Frid. This twenty four hours we lay very well along shoar, and carried our Main-top-mast by the board, we got out our Mizon and made a Top-mast

of that.

31. Saturd. We had fair weather, the

wind between the South, and West South West, we kept close under the Land in, five to ten fath. Water, the Land high with reddish Cliss.

August the 1st. Sund. We plied under the high Land, clear weather, lat. 1 deg. 40 min. N. by a good Observation.

2. Mund. We kept plying under the shoar, the wind South, and South South

East.

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3. Tuesd. We stood about 10 leag. from the shoar, and in standing in, weathered Cape Francisco eight leag. we had a strong Current which set to the Southward.

4. Wedn. We kept plying under the shoar, fair weather, lat. 00 deg. 20 min. South.

5. Thursd. We still ply to windward under the shoar, sometimes five or six leag. off, the wind South South West, Cloudy.

6. Frid. We ply under the shoar,

wind South West.

7. Saturd. We plied still to wind-ward in a Bay called Manta, where is feated an Indian Town of the same name, which affords plenty of Indian Corn and Fowls.

8. Sund.

August.

8. Sund. This twenty four hours we got under Cape Lawrence; it is pretty high Land: And a little way up in the Country lies a high Hummock of Land like a Sugar-loaf which is called Monte de Christo.

9. Mund. We got about the Cape. 10. Tuesd. This morning we came to an Anchor on the North East side of the Island of Plate, alias Drakes Isle; which is the place for Ships to Ride. This Island affords plenty of Goats, of Fish, and of Turtle, little Water, and no Timber, but small shrubby Bushes. It is a fmooth level and lies five leag. South West by South from Cape Lawrence, we rid in 10 fath. Water, clear ground, and the Bay pretty steep too.

11. Wedn. I fent our Canoe round the Isle, for discovery, at night they returned on board, bringing some Fish that

they had caught with hooks and lines.
12. Thursd. We dugg a hole by the side of a Rock, and filled some Water.

13. Frid. This day Captain Sharp, to our great joy, Arrived in the Trinity, but we had Sailed away the night before, had not our Men in fetching Goats from the windward fide of the

1680, August.

Me, funk our Canoe, for we all judged An Dom ine Trinity had gone to windward upon the Coast of Peru.

14. Saturd. Our Men turned nine Turtle, and continued filling Water night. and day, by reason of its scarcity.

15. Sund. Our Men feasted on shoar with Barbakude, Goats and Fish, &c.

16. Mund. We heilded our Ship, and gave her a pair of Boot-hose-tops, and took in two or three Tun of Ballast.

17. Tuesd. This day we set Sail from Drakes Isle, the wind at South South West, fair weather; This lies in 1 deg. 25 min. South lat. Here it is reported Sir Francis Drake shared his mony: And here a great many of our Men plaid theirs away, and were fit for new adventures.

18. Wedn. We got little to windwards this twenty four hours, by reafon of a Leeward Current, wind at South,

and South South West.

19. Thursd. This twenty four hours we flood on and off the shoar, but got little to windward, Cloudy weather wind South and South West.

20. Frid. We kept plying along shoar, but a strong Leeward Current,

wind at South small gales.

21. Saturd

we plied along shoar, wind South, to 1680.

South West, Cloudy weather.

22. Sund. This twenty four hours August.

we find the Current is abated, and the wind has this night favoured us, that we lay well along shoar, the wind at East

South East, Cloudy weather.

23. Mund. This twenty four hours we had the wind at West South West, good weather, we made Point St. Hellena, which makes like an Island as we Sail along shoar, but when you come within a league or two, like a Ship on the Carreen.

- 24. Tuesd. This twenty four hours we met with a strong Currant which sets to the Southward, at twelve a Clock Point Hellena bears North North East, 4. leag. distance, our Ship being out of her trim, Captain Sharp took us in a Tow.
- 25. Wedn. On Tuesday night about nine a Clock, we stood to the Westward and saw a Sail; the Trinity then cast us off, and gave chase, and in a short time came up with her, and after a short dispute with our small arms we took her, she was a small Man of

C 4 War

1600. August.

War, fitted out of Guiaque or Wyake by a An.Dom. parcel of merry Blades, Gentlemen, who drinking in a Tavern, made a Vow to come to Sea with that Vessel and thirty Men, and take us; but we made them repent their undertaking. The Captains name was Don Thomas de Algondony, whom after we had severely School'd for his sawcy attempt we entertained on board our Admiral. In this conflict we had three of our Men Wounded; what they lost weknew not, because it was night; the next day we sunk the Vessel, and plied to the Southward.

26. This day Captain Sharp took me in a Tow, lat. 2 deg. 46 min. we have: had a Current which has carried us very far into Wyake Bay, wind at South West

to North West, little winds.

27. Frid. This day we had a good obfervation, In lat. 3 deg. 15 min. the wind at North West, and West North West, the Current sets South West; this morning, examining fome Prisoners, they told us that one of our Barks that left. us at Quibloa Nova, came to the Isle of Gallea, where the Men going on shoar, were all Killed but one; we suppose it was the Bark that Mr. Edward Doleman was in and feven Men more.

In the night the Trinity put a stays, An. Dom. and they not halling their main Sail in 1680. our Boltspreet by the board.

An. Dom. 1680.

August.

28. Saturd. This morning the Trinity came to an Anchor, in 9 or 10 fath. Water under the shoar, so we laid her aboard with our Ship, and took out the best of her Apparel and sunk her, for that Country could not afford us a Tree large enough to make us a new Boltspreet. In the afternoon we got up our Anchor and stood to the Southward.

19. Sund. We kept plying under the shoar, not standing above 5 or 6 leag. off, expecting a Land wind, but found none; This is high Land with white Cliffs, and green shrubs growing in the Vallies, wind at South West, a hard breaze between ten and two in the afternoon, a strong South West Current which makes a great Sea.

30. Mund. This twenty four hours we got about Cape Blanco, the wind West South West, hard gales and two reifs in

our Main-top-sail.

31. Tuesd. We kept plying under the shoar; this day we saw a pair of Bark loggs but came not near them for descrying

our

Septem.

An. Dom. South West, fair weather.

Sept. 1. Wedn. We plyed to windward 6 or 7 leagues off ihoar, wind South West.

we plied under the shoar, and this morning saw a Sail about 6 or 7 leag. to windward of us, lat. 5 deg. 34 min. wind South West, to West South West.

3. Frid. We still kept plying to windward in chase of the Ship, a fresh gale of wind between South East and South

South West.

4. Saturd. We came up with her and took her, she came from Wyake, loaden with Timber, some Bail Goods and Cocoa, bound for Lyma, which they now call Ciudad de los Reyes.

5. Sund. We began to take out her Goods that we wanted. Moderate gales at South East, and South South West.

6. Mund. We finisht our business, and took out all that was valuable in her, cut her Main-mast by the board, put most of our Prisoners on board her, gave them six packs of Flower, and all the Provisions that were taken in the Ship, and turned them loose. Now we judged our selves 45 leag. to the West-

ward

ward of the High Land of Payta in lat. An. Dom. 7 deg. 12 min. South, the wind between South East and South West, our Septem. Septem.

7. Tuesd. The wind South South East, fair weather, lat. 7 deg. 35 min. departure

5 leag. West 50 leag.

8. Wedn. The wind South South East to South. Fresh gales lat. 8 deg. 5 min. departure 15 leag. West. This day we buried Robert Mongomery, who died of his Wounds, West 65 leag.

9. Thursd. We have gone but a leag. to the Westward, lat. 8 deg. 12 min. wind South to South South East fair

weather, West 66 leag.

10. Frid. 12 Leag. West lat. 9 deg. 6 min. wind South South East, West 78

leag.

11. Saturd. We have run 8 leag. West lat. 10 deg 19 min. the wind from South East to South South East, foggy weather.

12. Sund. We have run 13 leag. West lat. 11 deg. 49 min. the wind from South

East to East. West 99 leag.

13. Mund. We have run 19 leag. West lat. 13 deg. 24 min. a fresh gale at South and South South East, the Sun was Eclipsed

clipsed this afternoon, our departure West An. Dom. 118 leag.

1680.

14. Tuesd. We have run 7 leag. West, Septem. lat. 14 deg. 9 min. very hard gales that put us by our Top-sails, West 125 leag.

15. Wedn. 13 Leag. West. lat. 15 deg. 21 min. moderate gales, West 1383

leag.

16. Thursd. 13 Leag. West lat. 16 deg. 33 min. fresh gales at South to South

East, fair weather, West 151 leag.

17. Frid. We have run 4 leag. West, lat. 18 deg. 5 min. fresh gales; this night we had a gust of wind that made us hand our Top-fails for the space of two hours; our departure west is 155 leag.

18. Saturd. This twenty four hours we have run 3 leag West, lat. 19 deg. 35 min. small rain with a gust of wind.

at East, West 158 leag.

19. Sund. This twenty four hours we have run 5 leag. West, lat. 20 deg. 8 min. small winds at South South East; by this account we are departed from the Meridian of Payta, 163 leag West. Finding Water will be scarce with us, we are put to an allowance, of not full a pint each Man for four and twenty hours, the Captain having but the same with

with another Man, our other Provisi-

on was only Flower, of which we had 1680.

20. Mand. This twenty four hours Septem. we have run 10 leag. East lat. by observation 19 deg. 48 min. the wind at West.

East 10 leag.

21. Tuesd. We have run 31. leag. East lat. 20 deg. 12 min. the wind West fresh gales, in the morning it came to South South East, fair weather. East 41 leag.

we have run 22 leag. East lat. 19 deg. 8 min. the wind at South South East

very hard gales, East 63 leag.

23. Thursd. We have run 2 leag. East at. 20 deg. 40 min. a hard gale at East and East South East. East. 65 leag.

24. Frid. This twenty four hours we have run 4 leag. East lat. 21 deg. 39 nin. the wind at East South East to North East. East 69 leag.

25. Saturd. We have run 4 leag.East. at. 21 deg. 58 min. windy. East 73 leag.

26. Sund. 5 Leag. East lat. 22 deg. 2 min. wind North West. East 71 leag.

27. Mund. This twenty four hours we have run 35 leag. East lat. 22 deg. 9 min. fair weather, wind North to

West

30 Cap. Sharp's Aaventures, C. West a strong Southern current. East An. Dom.

113 leag.

1680. 28. Tuesd. 21 Leag. East lat. 22 deg. Octob. 35 min. wind South with rain. East

134 leag.

29. Wedn. We have run 20 leag. East lat. 22 deg. 18 min. fair weather, the wind South to South East. East 154 leag.

30. Thursd. 26 Leag. East in lat. 211 deg. 45 min. wind at South East and East South East fresh gales. East 180 leag.

October the 1st. We have run 17 leags East lat. 21 deg. 12 min. the wind at

South East. East 197 leag.

2. Saturd. We have run 22 leag. East lat. 20 deg. 39 min. the wind at South East, cloudy weather.

East lat. 19 deg. 37 min. very fresh gales of wind at South East, cloudy wea-East 242 leag.

4. Mund. We have run 16 leag. East, lat. 19 deg. 00 min. this night we handed our Top-sails for wind. East 258 leag.

5. Tuesd. This twenty four hours we have run 15 leag. East lat. 18 deg.

30 min.

30. min. hard gales of wind at South An. Dom. East, and South South East. East 273 1680.

6. Wedn. 7 Leag. West lat. 19 deg. 00 min. wind East South East, my last Westing was 163 leag. this 7 added

makes West 170 leag.

7. Thursd. This twenty four hours we have run 7 leag. West lat. 19 deg. 30 min. fresh gales at South East, cloudy weather, we went with our courses; here I find a strong North West Current for which we allowed 20 leag. West which makes \[\begin{align*} \frac{170.}{7.} \\ \frac{7.}{20.} \end{align*} \] West 197 leag.

8. Frid. We have run 13 leag. East lat. 19 deg. 25 min. little wind at South East and fair weather. East 216 leag.

9. Saturd. We have run 11 leag. East lat. 19 deg. 3 min. Cloudy weather.

East 297 leag.

10. Sund. 4 Leag. East lat. 19 deg. 50 min. wind South to East. East 301 leag.

8 min. wind South East. East 322 leag.

12. Tuesd. 11 Leag. East lat. 18 deg. 1 min. hazy weather. East 333 leag.

13. Wedn. 4 Leag. East lat. 18 deg. 1680.

Octob. 337 leag.

Lat. Thursd. 2 Leag. East lat. 18 deg.

20 min. little wind at South East. East 339 leag.
15. Frid. 16 Leag. East lat. 17 deg.

57 min. wind South East. East. 355 leag.

16. Saturd. 15 Leag. East lat. 17 deg., 19 min. wind South South East to South East. East. 370 leag.

lat. 16 deg. 49 min. the wind at South East to East South East. This morning we

made-Land, it bore North East 6 leag. distance. East 381 leag.

18. Mund. By this account Heloe lies

to the Eastward of Payta.

Our Easting 381 leag.

Our West. 197 leag.

The remainder which is our distance is 184 leag. East.

19. Tuesd. We turned up along shoar, the wind by day South and South South

East, at night at East.

20. Wedn. We still continued plying along shoar, the Current sets here North West very strong, the shoar lies North West

West and S. E. lat. 17 deg. 42 min. and An Down An. Dom: little wind. 1680. Octob.

21. Thursd. We kept plying to windward a long shoar lat. 18 deg. 2 min. the wind at S. to E. very high land.

22. Frid. We plyed along shoar in lat. 18 deg. 8 min. the wind from E. to

S. E. fair weather.

23. Saturd. We had no benefit of the land wind, we lay so near the high

land in lat. 18 deg. 10 min.

24. Sund. This twenty four hours we kept plying under the land, and this norning faw the South shoar, lat. 18

leg. 16 min.

25. Mund. This day at twelve a Clock ve made the White Hill that is by Aryca, we made small Sail to spend away the ay, at night we manned our Canoes nd Boat and went to the shoar side, where the Searan fo high, that we could opt land.

26. Tuesd. Being thus unfortunately a sappointed of landing our Men, we pre up the Helm for a port called Heloe. t this time Water was worth 30 pieces

Eight per Pint to those that could mare their allowance, and he that bought thought he had a great peny-worth; Vell 2

from

from Aryca to Heloe, the Coast lies N.W. An. Dom. and S. E.

1680. Octob.

of the Clock we manned our Canoes, and in the dawning of the day landed our Men. There is but seven or eight Indian Houses by the Water-side, and a Spanish Village upon a Hill about half a mile from the landing place, with a Church in it.

28. Thursd. This morning our Ship came to an Anchor in the Road, in 14 fath. Water, where we lay till Wednesday following, when we had examined our Prisoners, they told us that two miles up the Vally, there was a Sugar work, to which, when we had set some of our Men to fill us fresh Water, we marched, and finding the People all gone to hide themselves for fear of us; we loaded our selves down to the Water side, with Sugar and some Wine, and then returned to the work to keep Possifession, and lay there that night.

Gentlemen came to speak with us, bring ing with them a Flag of Truce, which persons we treated very Civilly; they

defired we would not demolish their Su

gar work, and they would bring us

Eighty Beefs, to the Water-fide and some

Hoggs, which they promised should be

Octob. brought us in 48 hours, so having Feast-ed our selves with fresh Pork, Sallads, &c. we returned to the Water-fide.

30. Saturd. Here we took up our Lodging ashoar, filling Water and pulling old Houses down, to carry on board for fire wood. After we had lain the time out that the Beefs should have been brought thither, came a Spaniard and told us the wind blew so hard that they could not drive their Cattle; but that all expedition should be used to bring them to us, so we continued till Tuesday the second of November.

November the 2d. This morning we expested our Beefs, but in lieu of them he Spaniard sent us 300 Horsemen to o fight us, so we drew out our Men in plain ground for fear of Ambuscades, nd resolved to stand the shock; for we had left a felect Guard to receive our Canoes, and Boat, when they should ome to shoar. The Enemy came ridng at full speed toward us, that we hought their Horse would have been n with our body and charged us home;

but when they came within reach of our Fuzees, we dismounted most of their Front with a Volly of small Shot, which

Novem. Front with a Volly of small Shot, which put a stop to their carreer and courages, and not finding it safe to come nearer, fairly wheeled off to the left, and took shelter amongst the Hills. This confirmed us that we should get no other Beefs; so having filled our Water, we that night went on board, our Ships; leaving the starched Spaniards room to stalk about their empty Houses, for at this time we had no other so good string as old Houshold stuff made us.

2. Wedn. This morning having difpatched our affairs at Heloe, we weighed and flood to Sea, wind South West, we run 2 leag.

4. Thursd. We had little wind at South: We have run 4 leag. West. In all West.

6 leag.

5. Frid. This twenty four hours we have run 5 leag. West, little wind at S. S. E. to E. S. E. and fair weather.

6. Saturd. This twenty four hours we have run 15 leag. W. wind S. and S. E. and by S.

7. Sund. This twenty four hours we

have

have run 4 leag. West, little wind at S. An. Down and S. E. 1680.

8. Mund. We have run 4 leag. W. little Novem.

wind at S.

9. Tuesd. We have run 2 leag. E. little wind at S.

10. Wedn. We have run 3 leag. E.little wind at S.

11. Thursd. We have run 13 leag. W. wind S. and E. S. E.

12. Frid. We have run 19 leag. W.

wind S. S. E.

13. Saturd. We have run 3 leag. West at. 21 deg. 37 min. we have now run i all 64 leag. to the Westward of Heloe.

14. Sund. We have run 14 leag. West, it. 22 deg. 44 min. fair weather, West

8 leag.

15. Mund. We have run 15 leag. West, t. 23 deg. 28 min. the wind from S.

E. Weit 93 leag.

16. Tuesd. We have run 5 leag. East, t. 23 deg. 33 min. wind at South, the leag. Easting deducted, our departure rest is 88 leag.

17. Wedn. We have run 8 leag. West,

r weather. VVest 96 leag.

18. Thursd. We have run 16 leag. West,

lat.

An.Dom.
1680.
Novem.

lat.24 deg.15 min.wind S. E. West. 112.
19. Frid. We have run 13 leag. West,
lat. 25 deg. squally weather, West 125 leag.

West lat 25 deg. 57 min. the wind from S. E. to S. good weather. West 137

leag.

21. Sund. We have run 14 leag. West lat. 26 deg. 57 min. squally weather with drissing rain, wind S.E. West 148 leag.

22. Mund. We have run 8 leag. Weith lat. 27 deg. 30 min. West 156 leag.

wind at N. W. and W. N. W. lat. 27 deg. 41 min. 1 leag. West. West 157 leag.

24. Wedn. We have run 19 leag. East, lat. 28 deg. 39 min. wind at N. W. fair

weather. East 19 leag.

25. Thursd. We have run 23 leag. East, lat. 29 deg. 50 min, wind N. W. a very great N. W. Sea. East 42 leag.

26. Frid. We have run 25 leag. East, lat. 30 deg. 9 min. wind S. W. East 67

leag,

27. Saturd. We have run 23 leag. East, lat. 30 deg. 16 min. fair weather the wind at S. and S. S. E. East 90 leag.

28. Sund. We have run 26 leag. East.

lat

lat. 30 deg. 8 min. wind S. East 116 An. Dom. leag.

29. Mund. We have run 20 leag East Decem. Iat. 30 deg. 17 min. wind S. and S. S. E. smooth water, a fresh of winds. East 136 leag.

30. Tuesd. We have run 16 leag. East,

lat. 30 deg. 23. min. East 152 leag.

Decemb. the 1st. We have run 15 leag. East, lat. 30 deg. 30 min. East 167

leag.

East, lat. 30 deg. 36 min. very hard gales of wind at South all night under our Courses, after we had done observing this day we made the Land, it was high and barren, we bore up and steered N. E. by N. 12 leag. East. in all 179 leag.

3. Frid. About two of the Clock in the morning we Manned our Canoes and Boat, with eighty five front Fellows, and away we went for the Town of Coquimbo, refolving not to return without plundering it in revenge of the affront the Heloe Men put upon us. The Canoes wherein were thirty five Men out-rowed the Boat, and Landed before day, and just upon day light they differenced the Patroule, which is kept on

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the Bay; and at this time did confift of An.Dom. about 150 Horse, who deriving Cou-1680. rage from their advantage in numbers, Decem. hemmed us in a ring, not doubting but to have an easie conquest over so few Men, and rid boldly up to us; our Commander confidering we were but thirty five, ordered that but fix Men should Fire at once on the Enemy, to keep the longer from a close Fight; being provided of no other Arms then a Fuzee and a Pistol, as also knowing our Party would in a little time come up to our rescue, but whether they did or no, this was our resolution, to turn our backs on the water-side and every Man maintain his ground, or fall upon the spot he stood on. By this time they were come pretty near, and I believe scarce a shot slew in vain, and so quick, having Cartridges alway fitted for our small Arms, that scarce two Vollies were fired before those that had discharged were ready loaded for them again, that he was happiest amongst them that got furthest behind; thus we battered them feverely, which they, after they had made a stand to carry off their dead, not liking, retreated in diforder, doing no other damage then the Wounding

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one Man. We followed the chase, though but leisurely, that our Men who had An. Dom. been fet on shoar by the Boat, might Decem. come up with us, which in a little time they did, following us, by the track of our Feet and tops of the Cartridges, coming with full speed to our Assistance if there had been occasion; Then we followed the Enemy as close as we could, thinking they had retreated into the Town, but they decoyed us (to give the peo-ple time to secure their Valuable Commodities) a contrary way, and led us amongst Ditches and watry Swamps; yet at last we got to the Town, and in a short time made our selves Masters of it, with little or no loss on our fide. Here we staid four days to refresh our selves, finding plenty of Hogs, Fowls, Mutton, and Sallads, with very good Wine, which is made here, also great store of Wheat, Barly, and all European Grain, and many large Orchards as they have in Kent, of Apples, Pears, Cherries, &c. Likewise delicate Gardens of Apricocks, Peaches, Strawberries, Gooseberries, and other Fruit.

The Town of Coquimbo, Scituate upon a Hill, is three quarters of a mile square,

Septem.

and has nine good Churches in it; and An. Dom. it is distant from the Road for Shipping about Eight Miles. The chief Manufacture of the place is Copper, which they have in abundance.

Here is also Gold-dust, which washes out of a great River that runs into the Sea, at the foot of the Hill whereon the Town stands, the latitude of the

place is 29 deg. 50 min. South.

The fecond day that we were in the Town, there came fix Gentlemen to us, with a Flag of Truce, desiring that we would send their Governour some Wine, for he had none in the Fields where he lay, which we did, together with some Fowls. And this Compliment; That if either Himself or his Lady wanted any thing that they had left behind them, Gold, Silver, and Jewels excepted, they might with freedom command it. After this, Ifinding we were fuch fociable Enemies, and so good Natured Victors, he Invited our Captain to drink a glass of Wine with him at the top of a Hill just by the Town side, and defired our Captain to come without Arms, and but with one Man, and he would do the same, which our Commander consented

with two Bottles of VVine, where they An. Dom. drank and were merry together, and Decem where amongst other discourse our Inte-Decem. rest was not forgotten. Our Commander agreeing with the Governour, who

the next day. So having drank their VVine, they parted; we receiving the Captain into the Town with a Volly of small Arms.

was unwilling the Town should be demolished, to Ransom it for 95000 pieces of Eight, which he promised to send us

The next day our fancies being filled with the expectation of so much money, we were at a pitch of mirth higher then ordinary, when we received a Letter from on board our Ship, intimating that there was an Indian with a couple of Seal Skins blown like Bladers, of which he made a float, and in the dead of the night came under the Stern of our Ship, with a Ball of Pitch, Sulphur, Oakum, and fuch combustible matter, and stuck it between the Rudder and Stern-port, and set it on fire with a Brimstone match, after this he left his new Fashioned Boat and fwome on shoar. This fire made fuch a french that almost choaked the

Men

Men in the Ship, who else, it is possi-1680.

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An. Dom. ble, had not awaked, for had they kept a good look out, the Indian could not Decem. have effected so great a part of his defign, some leaped into their Canoes and others searched within board, and at last found the fire before it had taken hold of the Ship. This piece of Treachery made us despair of our money; However it wrought this effect upon us, that ever after, we kept so strict a watch, that we had prevented any fuch other mischiefs, had they attempted the like against us. And truly as our circumstances were, it was a deliverance, no Serious Man will be ever unmindful to give God Thanks for. For at that time, had our Ship been burnt, not one man of us had escaped, the Spaniards being not easily reconciled to us, for those ill Offices we had done them fince our visits there on the South Sea Coasts, and some of us also not unknown to them in the North Seas; That they would have hanged the rest if they had been Saints.

The Spaniards perceiving their project had not operated to burn our Ship, they Early in the morning tur-

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in the South Sea.

ned all the water sluices into the Town, which in an hours time, made the An. Dom. streets almost Ankle deep in water, 1680. Which before was dry dust. This they Decem. did, either to drive us out of the Town, or to have water at hand to quench it, in case we set it on fire, which (resolving to keep our word with the Enemy) we did, firing it in fe-veral Places at once, and Packing up our Luggage, after we had staid till the greatest part of it was in Flames, we marched out of it down to the water fide; But the Governour had drawn all his men from the tops of the Hills, down into the Vally, by the water side into the way that we should pass; So we detached out a small party for a forlorn, supposing we must have fought our way through; But as foon as we began to pink fome of their Jackets for them with our Fuzees, they got out of our reach, and went to their ruin'd Town leaving us to go peaceably on Board our Ship. When we came on Board, we fent a hoar a great number of our Prisoners, and amongst the rest Don Thomas d'Aljondony, Captain Peralta, Captain Don

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Juan, and many others, some of them being Merchants, which we had taken and kept on board, to learn them to eat Montego and Doweboys. Yet had they no reason to complain of their entertainment amongst us, they being very civilly treated with the best our Ship could afford, which if they do not justly acknowledge, let them have a care we call them not to an account for their ingratitude, when they least think of it.

7. Tuesd. This day we weighed from

Coquimbo, wind at South.

8. Wedn. Little wind at South, we stood to the Westward, and made three Islands that Lye North West, a little distance from the Harbour of Coquimbo.

9. Thursd. At 12 a Clock the Southermost Isle bore West 12 leag. distance.

ve have run 2 leag. VVest. VVest. 14 leag.

VVest, wind N. E. VVest, 17 leag.

hours 13 leag. VVest wind South. VVest 30 leag.

13. Mund. Plying between Coquimbo and

and Juan Fernandoes. This 24 hours we An. Dom. have run 11 leag. VVest, lat. 30 deg. 1680.

2 min. the wind at S. E. fair weather. Decem.

VVest 41 leag.

14. Tuesd. VVe have run 4 leag. East, lat. 30 deg. 29 min. wind S. S. VV. with rain the 4 leag. East deducted makes our departure VVest 37 leag.

VVest, lat. 30 deg. 40 min. very hard gales at S. and S. S. VV. VVest 44 leag.

16. Thursd. VVe have run 20 leag. VVest, lat. 30 deg. 40 min. VVest 64

leag.

VVest, lat. 30 deg. 30 min. VVest

75 leag.

18. Saturd. VVe have run 12 leag. VVest, lat. 30 deg. 54 min. wind S. to S. E. squally weather. VVest 87 leag.

19. Sund. VVe have run 15 leag. VVest, lat. 31 deg. 39 min. wind S. E.

VVest 102 leag.

20. Mund. VVe have run 17 leag. VVest, lat. 32 deg. 21 min. VVest 119 leag.

21. Tuesd. VVe have run 12 leag. VVest, lat. 32 deg. 13 min: West 131 leag.

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An. Dom. East, lat. 32 deg. 10 min. the wind 1680. round the Compass. East 3 leag.

Decem. 23. Thursd. VVe have run 3 leag.

East, lat. 32 deg. 43 min. the wind from

N. VV. to S. E. East 6 leag.

24. Frid. VVe have run 15 leag. East lat. 33 deg. 33 min. wind at N. to N. N. VV. this day we made the VVestermost Isle of Juan Fernando's, itt

bears S. VV. East 21 leag.
25. Saturd. VVe have run 10 leag. East, lat. 33 deg. 42 min. at six a Clock in the Evening we came to an anchor at the Southermost part of this Island in in fath. water, where we lay very smooth, in the N. VV. Bay.

VVe lay at this Place until Tuesday following, but not finding it a good! road we went to Leeward of the Mand, where we lay very fmooth in the N. VV.

Bay.

Here we lay and refresht our men, with Goats Flesh and fresh Fish, of both which here is plenty; and as it is usuall amongst the generality of men, that plenty of all things, breeds an increase of ill humors, Faction and Difturbances so it had the same effectupon

in the South Sea.

upon our men, for now they are for An. Dom. a new Commander.

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A party of the disaffected to Captain Sharp got ashoar and subscribed a Paper to make John Watling Commander, pretending liberty to a free election as they termed it, and that Watling had it by vote. The reason of this mutiny was, that Sharp had got about 3000 pieces of Eight, and was willing to come home that year, but two thirds of the Company had none left; having lost it at play; And those would have Captain Sharp turned out, because they had no mind as yet to return home. This Fewd was carried on so fiercely, that it was very near coming to a civil VVar, had not some prudent men a little moderated the thing; Yet all this while we all oined in the ready Fitting our Vessel, and used all diligence imaginable to get o Sea again.

It pleased God as our Ship was newly nade clean and ready to Sail, there ame three Men of War to look for us; Now we had at that time two Canoes

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at the windward side of the Isle, fetching An Dom. Goats, who saw the three Men of 1680. War, and gave us notice of them, fo Januar. that we had just time to get our Men on Board, who were most of them at that time on shoar, cutting wood and washing their clothes. As soon as they were got on Board, the Ships came in fight, so we got up one Anchor, and left the other behind us. We heysted in our Canoes and Boat, and clapt close by the wind, for at this time those Ships were to Leeward of us about two miles; their Admiral sailed well, fo that in chase of us, the other two were two leagues diffant from him; now knowing we could deal well enough with him, tho he had twelve great Guns, and we not one, we went about-Ship, resolving to Board him before the other two could come up with us, and then we should be ready for them.

> But fo foon as he faw us put a stays, he bore up the Helm and went to his conforts. This was the twelfth of January 1680.

fle, as we called it, is very high Land, An. Dom. well wooded, and has plenty of fresh Januar. Water, Goats and Fish, with a wholeome Air, and Lyes in 33 deg. 40 min. outh lat. and about 100 leag. from the

Main Land. 13. Thursd. We keep plying to wind-

and, to see the motion of these three hips; we saw one plying for the land, the other two we judged were ot to an Anchor under the Island. ur Men being mutinous and full d, Resolved to surprise the City of ryca, fo in the night we bore up the elm, and left the Spaniards to cast a gure to know where to meet us xt.

14. Frid. We have run 15 leag. East, . 32 deg. 33 min. the wind at S. and nen we bore up, which makes East leag. S. E. 5 leag. distance from the Isle

15. Saturd. Between Juan Fernandez Aryca; We have run 21 leag. East, Cap. Sharp's Adventures,&c.

An. Dom. lat. 30 deg. 36 min. wind South East
1680. 41 leag.

Fanuar.

16. Sund. We haveirun 20 leag. East lat. 29 deg. 23 min. East 61 leag.

East lat. 29 deg. 49 min. wind S. S. I we differ by dead reckoning and correct it by Observation 7 leag. which being deducted out of our Easting, there remains East 72 leag.

18. Tuesd. We have run 22 least East lat 26 deg. 13 min. wind at Sout and S. S.E. clowdy weather. East 94 least

19. Wedn. We have run East 20 learlist. 25 deg. 7 min. wind South. East 114 leag.

North lat. 24 deg. the wind at Southon this morning we saw the Land white was very high and mountainous, are bore E. N. E. 14 leag. distance. E way 114 leag.

North lat. 22 deg. 43 min. wind South. 1680.

- 22. Saturd. We have run 12 leag. Fanuar. West, lat. 21 deg. 26 min. wind South ınd S. S. E. 12 leag. West from 114 East make our departure. East but to2 leag.
- 23. Sund. We have run 11 leag. East, lat. 20 deg. 42 min. the wind in he day at South, by night East, a strong Current that sets to the Northward. East 113 leag.
- 24. Mund. VVe sent our Canoes to n Island that lyes a little from the noar to take some prisoners, that night inform us how the City of tryca was fortified, so we lay on and If the shoar for this day.
- 25. Tuesd. VVe plyed to windward, or our Canoes at night they came on oard, but had mist of the Island, so e put in a fresh gang of Men and way they went on the same errand is night.

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26. Wedn.

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26. Wedn. Our Canoes came on board An.Dom. at night, bringing with them two old Januar. John Watling who now was commander in Chief, and took their examinations in Private, that there was seven Companys of Kings Soldiers in the Town, and that the Place was well fortified with Breast-works, besides a strong Fort of thirteen Copper Guns, but for fear of discouraging us in the attempt he discovered nothing of this to us, but swore he would have the Town or that should have him, which proved a prophecy; with this resolution he commands the Helm to be bore up.

- 27. Thursd. Little or no wind, lat 20 deg. 20 min.
- 28. Frid. We went with our Boar and Canoes, wherein we had 92 Mer that we could Land, leaving a small Guard on our Boats. We rowed along shoar till 29. Saturd. morning, and lay still all this day for fear of being del cried, and on Saturd. night we rowed most part of the night.

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January the 30. Sund. Being the An Dom. Anniversary day in commemoration of 1680. the Martyrdom of King Charles the Januar. both have and will suffer several. both have and will suffer severely, and Seas of our Blood be shed for Sacrifices to expiate the Murther of the best of Princes, we landed our Men, and advanced towards the Town of Aryca, but as we marched we divided our Men into two Parties, of which 40 were designed for the Fort, and the rest for the City.

When we drew near the Town, we saw a great number of Men drawn up without their works, in a plain Sandy Ground, who fired at our Party that marched towards the Town, and our Men returning their compliment kept on their way; our other Party that were for the Fort seeing us ingaged, hasted down the Hill, with a Shout, and cried, They run, they run, and then firing on their Flank, made them run n good Earnest, and with what haste hey could, get into their Breast-works.

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When we were united into one body An.Dom. the Enemy played their Cannon briskly 1680. upon us; So we resolved to attaque Januar. their Breast-works, which were out of the Bearing of their Fort, but we had a smart Assault of it, for we being all open to their, fire and naked Men, and they fecured in their works, they by this advantage, killed us a great many Men. At last some of ours got to the End of their biggest Breastwork, which galled us most and then we plyed them well with small Shot, which was a Cartridge fit for the Bores of our Fuzees with a full Shot in it and 7 or 9 Swan Shot loofe upon that. This kept them in play till our Men in the Front began to Storm the wall; upon which they cryed for quarter, which our unwary Commander

In this juncture we received many a Volly from three other Breastworks, that this great one lay within command of; and we being for dispatch faced about with a party of ours, and took them all by assault without giving any quarter

too readily granted, it afterwards pro-

ving the ruin of our defign.

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Creolians, a people half Spaniards and An. Dom. half Indians, of a Copper colour'd Complexion, and Men that never give it fanuar. themselves.

From hence we advanced to the Town and took it, that now we had nothing to do but to give a general assault to the Fort, but Captain Watling delaying his time, in the Breastwork where he slaid to give quarter; Those we drove out of the Town got into the Fort; whom, had it not been for the Guns to put into our Ship, we would not have troubled our felves with; for we knew that having once possession of the Town, there was more Coined money then we could tell how to bring away, in case we had not been disturbed, which Plunder would have made us what we could defire; but we wanted their Cannon, to fecure it on board when we should get it there. At length the Captain marched into the Town with his Prisoners and called us all together, where being come, we found we had more Prisoners then Men of our own. So that after

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we had fent our Wounded Men to the An. Dom. Hospital, got the Doctors to dress them, 1680. and set a Guard upon our Prisoners and Wounded, which took up above an hours time, we marched to the Fort, and then too plainly faw that had we not been so hasty in giving quarter, but as soon as we had taken the Town, rallied again and made an attempt on the Fort, no doubt but we had carried it in spight of all Opposition.

> We then contrived to fet some of the Prisoners before us, to secure us the better in our approach to the walls of the Fort, but they fired as well upon them, as us, and on a fudden at a fignal given, they all run from us into a Sally Port, which was hastily shut with some of them left out, whom we knocked on the head. Yet we undauntedly got under the walls, and began to throw over our Hand-granadoes, which proved bad and were altogether Unserviceable. Now while we were under the wall, and consulting how we should get amongst them, though a Prisoner told us there were three hundred Kings Souldiers

diers, in the Garison. The Country An. Dom. people came in so fast upon us, that we could do no good on the Fort, so Januar. which action Captain Watlin was Shot into the Reins, and Killed; and to add to our loss & disappointment we found both the Town, and Breast-works, new manned by the Country people, which while we were engaged with, they Sallyed out of the Fort upon us, fo that we were forced to quit our attempt on the Town and betake our selves to the plain Field, leaving our Doctors, and some Wounded Men in the Hospital behind us. When we came into the Field, and faw fuch a small remainder of our Men, and our Enemies Horse quite round us, we got our Wounded Men into the middle, and casting our selves into a circle orring, Fought our way through. Not one Man of us offering to run, and thus marched down to our Boats, but with heavy Hearts, to think we should leave fo much Plate behind us. And not-withstanding we were so few, and this few almost Choaked for want of water, having been ingaged from eight a

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Clock in the morning till two in the An. Dom. afternoon, yet durst they not break in 1680. with our Body, which at this time con-Januar. sisted but of forty seven Fighting Men, and they at least twelve hundred in the Field, besides what were in their Fort, Town, and Breast-works; and our Canoes lay full three miles from the Town. All which way we charged through and through them, and lost not one Man in the retreat, though some of us were Wounded; what damage we did them we never knew, but it could not but be considerable. In this Fight we had eight and twenty Men Killed, feventeen Wounded, and the Doctors taken Prisoners, who had quarter given them as we were afterwards told.

This Arica is feated in a very pleasant Vally by a River side, and is the Barkador or place for Shipping off the Treasure which comes from the Mines of the Mountain of Potosy, is a good Harbour, and secure, and lies in eighteen deg and twenty min. South latitude, and a Healthy Air, the people of a good Complexion and Stature. The Mountains by the City afford

afford good Salt, which the Inhabitants digg in Cakes of a hundred weight An. Dom. per peice. Here is also a very good fanuar. Harbour.

This night about nine a Clock we got on board.

31. Mund. We stood to the West-ward. Little wind at S. and S. S. E.

February the 1st. We plied to the Southward under the shoar.

- 2. Wedn. We kept plying under the shoar till afternoon, then stood off to Sea. The high land in 19 deg. bears East 10 leag. distance; West 10 leag.
 - 3. Thursd. Little wind all day.
- 4. Frid. We have run 6 leag. West, wind E. and E. S. E. West 16 leag.
- 5. Saturd. We have run 2 leag. West, lat. 20 deg. 53 min. wind S. S. E. West 18 leag.

An.Dom. 6. Sund. We have run 17. leag. West 1680. lat. 21 deg. 22 min. West 35 leag. Februa.

- 7. Mund. We have run 19 leag. West, lat. 21 deg. 34 min. wind South. West 54 Leag.
- 8. Tuesd. We have run 9 leag. West, lat. 21 deg. 49 min. clowdy weather. West 63 leag.
- 9. Wedn. We have run 19 leag. West, lat. 22 deg. 20 min. wind S. S. E. West 82 leag.
- 10. Thursd. We have run 18 leag. West, lat. 23 deg. 5 min. a Southern great Sea. West 100 leag.
- 11. Frid. We have run 15 leag. West, lat. 23 deg. 50 min. wind S. E. West 115 leag.
- 12. Saturd. Lat. 25 deg. 12 min. a great Sea wind E. S. E. and S. E.
- 13. Sund. We have run 15 leag. West, lat. 25 deg. 350 min. wind South East, with

with some rain. West 130 leag.

14: Mund. We have run 3 leag. West An. Dom. 1680. lat. 26 deg. 6 min. West 133 leag. Februa.

15. Tuesd. 14 leag. West, lat. 26 deg.

50 min. West 147 leag.

16. Wedn. We have run 2 leag. West, lat. 27 deg. 44 min. wind South and E.S.E. we are run in all West. 149 leag.

17. Thursd. We have run 8 leag, West, lat. 28 deg. 7 min. West 157

leag.

18 Frid. We have run 10 leag. West, lat. 28 deg. 44 min. West 167 leag.

19. Saturd. We have run 14 leag. West,

lat. 29 deg. 29 min. West 181 leag. 20 Sund. We have run 15 leag. West, lat. 31 deg. 1 min. West 196 leag.

21. Mund. We have run 24 leag. West, lat. 31 deg. 34 min. squally weather. West 220 leag.

22 Tuesd. We have run'2 leag. West, lat. 31 deg. 50 min. wind S. E. to S.W.

hazy weather. West 222 leag.

23 Wedn. We have run 5 leag. West, lat. 32 deg. 11 min. wind S.E. to South. West 227 leag.

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An.Dom. lain becalmed, lat. 32 deg. 26 min.

Februa. leag. in lat. 32 deg. 50 min. the wind at North West to West clear weather.

East 16 leag.

27. Sund. We have run 15 leag. East, lat. 33 deg. 18 min. the wind at VV. S. VV. at night the wind took us a stays at S. E. with rain. East 31 leag.

28. Mund. We have run 6 leag. East, lat. 34 deg. 4 min. the wind from E. to S. E. clowdy weather. East 37 leag.

March the 1st. Tuesd. We have lain

becalmed in lat. 34 deg. 13 min.

2. Wedn. We have run 16 leag. East, lat. 34 deg. 2 min. the wind at VV. to S. E. with rain; at this time water grew scarce, and our Men mutinied about a Commander, for the former Dissenters had not forgot their Old Cant, so we proposed standing over for the main to get water and fresh Provision; this appealed them for a while, nothing else was capable to do it but only finding them employment for their stirring Spirits and unruly Humours. We have run East 53 leag.

3. Thursd.

3. Thursd. We have run 6. Leagues East Latitude, 33. Degr. and 35. Min. March. Wind at S. E. to E. S. E. East 59. March. Leagues.

4. Frid. We have run 17. Leagues, East Latitude 32. Degr. and 35. Min. the Wind at S. E. and very cloudy wea-

ther. East 76. Leagues.

5. Saturd. We have run 15. Leagues East, Latitude 31. Degr. 27. Minut. East 91. Leagues.

6. Sund. We have run 12. Leagues East, Latitude 30. Degr. 20. Minutes.

East 103. Leagues.

7. Mund. We have run 13. Leagues East, Latitude 30. Degr. 36. Min. Good weather. East 116. Leagues.

8. Tuesd. We have run 21 Leagues East, Latitude 30. Degr. 22. Min.

Wind S. W. East 137 Leagues.

9. Wedn. We have run 28. Leagues East, Latitude 29. Degr. 35. Min. Fair weather. East 165. Leagues.

10. Thursd. We have run 38. Leagues East, Latitude 29. Degr. 45. Min.

Wind S. East 203. Leagues.

11. Frid. We have run 32. Leagues East, Latitude 29. Degr. 45. Min. the wind at S. and S. S. W. we went with

our

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our Courses for Wind. East 235. Leagues.

12. Saturd. We have run 27. Leagues East, fresh gales at s. Latitude 29. Degr. 17. Minutes. This Morning we

faw the Land. East 262. Leagues.

13. Sund. We have run to the Northward along the Shoar, about 7. Leagues, where we went into our Canoes to go ashoar at a place called Gwasko; but the Sea breaze came in so fresh they could not get ashoar. About three of the Clock in the Afternoon our Ship got into the Harbour, and came to an Anchor in 17. fathom Water; fandy ground.

At Night we landed 45 Men, and marched up into the Countrey about feven Miles; but could find nothing but Provisions, as Wheat, &c.

About eleven of the Clock we came back three Miles, where there was a Church, where we dreffed some Sheep, and Goats for Supper, and kept our Court of Guard there that Night.

In the Morning Captain Sharp went with ten Men down to the water-side, to hasten our filling of Water, the rest staid behind to bring down some Sheep

and Goats; which we did, driving before us a drove of 150. that served for fresh meat for our wounded men a March.

great while.

During this time, our people were at the River to fill Water, but the Sea ran so high, they could not get any off the Shore. In the Morning we went about fifty Men on Shoar again, to fill Water, and were forced to carry our Jarrsa quarter of a Mile, because the Sea ran so high we could not get our Canoes into the shoar, to take it in at the River, but filled them at a Pond; thus we got on Board one hundred and fifty Jarrs.

This Gwasko is a very good Harbour, and clear Ground with the Land, in the Wind three quarters of the Compass, a Land wind in the Night, and Sea breaze all day: here we lay till the 15.

Instant.

15. Tuesd. About three of the Clock in the Afternoon, we fet fail from Gwasko, the Wind S. w. and S. S. w.

16. Wednef. We have run 4. Leagues

West, Winds. West 4. Leagues.

17. Thursd. We have run 9. Leagues west, Latitude 27. Degr. 45. Min. West F 2 13. Leagues. 18. Frid.

168°. March. 18. Frid. We have run North, Latitude 26. Degr. 33. Min. Wind at S.

19 Saturd. We have run 10 Leagues East, Latitude 25. Degr. 21. Minut. fresh gales; the 10. Leagues Easting deducted, makes our Westing but three Leagues.

More a Morania bears East 6. Leagues distance. The 3. Leagues Westing deducted, leaves our departure East 7.

Leagues.

21. Mund. We have run 3. Leagues East, Latitude 22. Degr. 52. Min. the Wind at S. to S. E. This day we made the point of Land like a Sugar-Loaf; by report here is a Harbour that lyes in South about the Point, good Anchor Ground, in 15. Fathom Water, but neither fresh Water nor Wood.

by with our Ship, and fent our Canoes to look for the River Loa, but they came on board without discovering it. East 10. Leagues.

23. Wednesd. These 24. hours we have lain by, while our Canoes went on Shoar, in Latitude 21. Degr. 21. Min. The

River

River bears E. by S. about two of the 168? Clock our Canoes came on Board.

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24. Thursd. We sent our Boat on Shoar. This River of Loa issues out of the high Land, and scarce discernable, it being but a small running Stream like an English Brook; on the North side of which is a small Chappel, which by report of the Inhabitants, was built by Sir Francis Drake, when he was in those Seas.

TwoLeagues North from this, is a Fish Rainge, which the Spaniards keep for the Natives to fish for them. These miserable Natives are kept in great subjection, and do not generate as formerly, though they are a flour people, and have amongst them good comely. Women: the reason of it, as we conjecture, is, the depressure of their Spirits, by the tyranny of the Spaniards, which causes this failure of Generation; the means of Propagation not taking its natural effect upon people fo absolutely dejected with oppression, as they most certainly are.

These 24. Hours we have run 12. Leagues West, Latitude 20. Degr. 55.

Min. Wind E. S. E.

\$681. March. 25. March. These 24. Hours we have run 12 Leagues West, Latitude 20. Degr. 15. Min. West 24. Leagues.

26. Saturd. These 24. Hours we have run North, Latitude 18. Degr. 19. Minutes, the Wind S. to E. S. E. this day we made the high Land of Heloe.

27. Sund. This Morning we made a small fail to spend away the day. In the Afternoon, about five of the Clock, we made what fail we could; and about 11. in the Night, we landed about 50. Men upon a point of Rocks, which lies two Leagues from the Town of Heloe, or Hilo, and about break of the day, our Men took most of the Inhabitants that were in that place: And were not altogether unmindful of their Horse slesh, they sent us for Beefs, when we made them a visit before. The Prisoners, we took, told us, that at Arica, our Do-Ctors had had good quarter given them, for the sake of their skill; but that the wounded were knockt on the Head; and that one Negro, who had his Leg shot off, being offered quarter, refused it, and killed four or five of their Men, before he was shot dead on the spot.

This fellow had been a Slave, whom our Commander had freed, and brought 1681. from Jamaica.

March:

What they lost at Aryca, they would not confess, only said, that a great many were killed, and that the wounded Men came fast out of the Countrey to be cured by our Doctors, we had left behind us.

Here we filled fresh Water, got some good new Wine, store of Figgs, and plenty of fresh Provisions for our Men. This Heloe is in Latitude 17. Degr. 49. Min. South, and stands in an extraordinary fruitful Valley, with fine Olive Yards, two pretty Vineyards, a great Sugar work: They have a Corn Mill, and plenty of Wheat, Beef, Mutton, Pork, also Fish, and all manner of necessaries both for life, and for recreation: Here we stayed till Tuesday the 29. and at nine of the Clock at Night. we weighed, and stood to Sea, the Wind at S. E.

Wedn. 30. We have run 12. Leag. West, Wind S. S. E. West 12. Leagues.

31. Thursd. We have run 14. Leag. West, Wind S. a great Current which fets N. W. West 26. Leagues.

April 1.

1681. April. April 1. We have run 22. Leagues West, Latitude 17. Degr. 13. Min. the Wind at S. S. W. to S. W. West 48. Leagues.

2. Saturd. We have run 22. Leagues West, Latitude 16. Degr. 46. Min. Wind S. E. to E. sair weather. West

70. Leagues.

3. Sund. We have run 25. Leagues West, Latitude 16. Degr. 16. Min. the Wind S. E. cloudy weather. West 95. Leagues.

West, Latitude 14. Degr. 28. Min. West

110. Leagues.

5. Tuesd. We have run 10. Leagues West, Latitude 12. Degr. 52. Min. West

120. Leagues.

6. Wedn. We ran due North, Latitude 10. Degr. 56. Min. the Wind S. E. this day we saw the Land very high 15.

Leagues distance.

West, Latitude 9. Degr. 38. Min. the Wind at S. E. a great Current that sets to the Southward; this small of the Moon, we keep Land too, in hopes to take some Shipping. West 130. Leagues.

8. Frid.

8. Frid. We have run 9. Leagues 1681. West, Latitude 8. Degr. 44. Min. Wind S.W. 138. Leagues.

April.

9. Saturd. We have run due North, Latitude 7. Degr. 38. Min. the Wind at S. a strong South easterly Currant.

10. Sund. We have run due North, Latitude 6. Degr. 33. Min. Wind s. and s. s. E. thick foggy weather. This Morning we made Land, it was one of the Northermost Isles of Lobos, which lye in Cheripe-Bay.

11. Mund. 12. Leagues West, Latitude 5. Degr. 57. Min. Wind. S. E. foggy weather. West 150. Leagues.

12. Tuesd. We have run 13. Leagues West, Latitude 5. Degr. 8. Min. Wind

S. E. West 163. Leagues.

13. Wednef. We have run s. Leag. West, Latitude 3. Degr. 48. Min. West 168. Leagues.

14. Thursd. We have run 9. Leagues East, Lat. 2. Degr. 48. Min. Wind. S.

a N. W. Currant. East 9. Leagues.

15. Frid. We have run 8. Leagues East, Latitude 1. Degr. 58. Min. Wind S. S. E. very great riplings, and a strong N.W. Currant. East 17. Leagues.

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16. Saturd. We have run 5. Leagues East, Latitude r. Degr. 38. Min. The Isle of Plate bears N. 5. Leagues distant. East 22. Leagues.

Here by our account, Helve or Hilo, lyes to the Eastward of the Island of Plate 146. Leagues, this Island lyes in 1. Degr. 23. Min. S. Latitude.

17. Sund. This day about Noon, to

our great trouble, 45 of our Men left us, quitting our Emperours service, and went away with our Boat and two Canoes, with what necessary things they wanted for their journey overLand. They would have stayed if we would have chosen a new Commander, but would not serve longer under Captain Sharp. When they put away from the Ship, Cape Passado bore N. E. 10. Leagues distance.

This was a great weakning to our party, and a hindrance to our deligns: Nevertheless we bore our loss as chearfully as we could, and resolved not to quit those Coasts till we had got the Booty we expected, and weakened the Span .ards as much as we could, as our Em-

peror had obliged us to do.

18. Mund. We have run 9. Leagues West, Lat. o. Degr. 20. Min. North; 1681 the Wind at S. W. fair weather.

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19. Tuesd. We have gone North, by reason of a N. E. Currant, Latitude 1. Degr. 48. Min. N. the Windat S. W. good weather.

20. Wedn. We have run 18. Leagues West, Latitude 3. Degr. 16. Min. the Wind s. W. cloudy weather. West 27

Leagues.

21. Thursd. We have run 23. Leag.

N. N. W. a strong Currant.

- 22. Frid. We have run 76. Miles N.W. by N. Wind W. s. W. much rain, and we faved 40. Jarrs of Water.
- 23. Saturd. We have run 25. Leag. N.W. by N. a strong Current which fets to the Westward.
- 24. Sund. We have run 26. Leagues N. W. by N. no observation; a strong Currant. Since we parted from our Men, these five days, we have had plenty of Turtle and Fish.

25. Mund. These 24. Hours we have had the Wind round the Compais, we have run 12. Leagues N. we made the Island Caynia, a different observation,

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tion, Latitude 7. Degrees 40. Minutes.

26. Tueld. We came to an Anchor at the Island, it affords good Timber, Hogs, Fish, and Cocoe Nuts: while we lay here, we sent our Canoe to the Main to look for a Harbour to lay our Ship in, but could find none; the anchoring is on the North end of the Island, where we filled some Water, and lay till the 30.

30. Saturd. We weighed about 11. a Clock in the Forenoon, and stood to

the West.

May dar. We stood to the Westward, Latitude 9. Degr. 1. Min. the Wind off Shoar in the Night, by Day S. W. with Rain.

- 2. Mond. To Thursday the 5. we kept plying along the Shoar; very much Rain, with Thunder and Lightning, the Wind S. in the Day, at Night N. w.
- 6. Frid. We came to an Anchor in the Gulf of Nicova, in 11. Fathom Water, ouzy Ground, the first Key with a Rock at the North end, bears S. by E. from us, very much Rain.

7. Saturd.

7. Saturd. We weighed with the Tide of flood, and got up to the next Key, which lyes N. W. 3. w. 5. Leag. distance.

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8. Sund. Our two Canoes went to the Island Chero with 20. Men, and took a Family of Indians that lived there, who told us, there were two Barks in the next River, loading of Tallow. In the Afternoon-Tide, our Ship got up to the Isle of Cheroe.

9. Mund. Our Canoes went up the Flood, and took the two Barks, and the next Ebb brought them down to the

Ship.

Those Indians told us, That up another River, lived a Shipwright, who was building two new Ships. This was welcome news to us; so we went up to the Carpenters Yard, and friendly defired the chief Builder, and seven of his Workmen, to go on Board us, and help us to cut down our Ship: He also helped us to a Canoe load of Spikes, and Iron Work, which our Ship wanted to sit her with; but some of our Men being drunk, they over-set her coming on Board, and drowned one of the Men: But it being but low Water,

1681. May. next day at low water we got her again with all our Utenfils.

On wednesday we set our Carpenters to work to chalk out our lower Deck.

On Thursday our drowned Man came swimming by the Ship, so we took him up, and buried him the next Morning. We sell this day with our Ship to the mouth of a Vogue about a League off, which we thought convenient to lay our Ship in, out of the Tides way, and this day unrigged her, got our Yards and Topmasts down, and made preparation for our Carpenters to shorten our low Masts.

On Saturday we laid one of the Barks on Shoar, and took out her Tallow. It rained all Day, and continued raining till Tuesday following. We made an awning over the other Bark, and turned Tallow Chandlers, making Candles for our Bidacle, &c.

On wednesday the eighteenth it held up, fair weather till Wednesd. the 25. at which time we began to rig our Ship, and on Thursd. were ready to sail. We gave the Carpenter and his Men one of the Barks, and sent them home;

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home; who returned us many thanks for our generofity, and using them so civilly; and with them, we turned away some Prisoners which we had on Board, resolving to keep no more but Negroes to do our drudgery.

During our stay at Cheroe we did this

work:

We shortned our Main-Mast fix foot, made new Cross and Trussel-trees to it.

Shortned our Fore mast 5. Foot, Head. and made new Cross and Trussel-trees.

Made our Main, our Fore-Top-Mast, our Fore, our Main-Top-Mast.

Cut off her upper Deck, and funk her quarter Deck; she was fix Foot ten Inches high, between Decks, and we lest her something more than four Foot in the Waste.

All this we did in 10. Days, and she was fit for the Sea, and we had done sooner had not wet weather hindred us.

26. Thursd. After we had sent away our Prisoners, we fell down with our Ship to the Isle of Cavalla, where we lay

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lay filling Water till Sunday following.

On Saturday Jacobus Marquess our Truchman or Interpreter, and an Indian Boy ran away from us to the Spaniards; this person was a Dutchman, who was a good Linguist, and left behind him 2200 ps. 8. besides Jewels and Goods: But we had one Mr. Ringrose with us, who was both an ingenious man, and spake very well several Languages.

29. Sund. We weighed from Cavalla, and fell down to Tortuga: North from this Isle lyes a parcel of Rocks like a Church with a Steeple.

30. Mond. We weighed and stood to Sea, little Wind at S. W.

31. Tuesd. Very little Wind at S. W. Cape Blanco at 12 a Clock bears North

3. Leagues distance.

June the 1. Wedn. We have run 13. Leagues West, Wind S. E. Latitude 10. Degr. 26. Min.

2. Thursd. We have had the Wind at N. W. and got a little to the Westward.

3. Frid. This Morning debating the thing in Council, and our mens running away being maturely considered,

we judged we should be discryed at Rebela, which was the place we were defigned for; we therefore bore up the June. Helm, and stood to the Eastward, to look an Harbour to lay our Ship on Shoar; for all this while we had not cleaned her bottom. Latitude 9. Degr. 56. Min.

4. Saturd. We have run 20 Leagues East by South, Latitude 9. Degr. 48. Min. Wind S. W. and W. N. W. East

18. Leagues.

5. Sund. We have run 7 Leagues E.S. E. The Isle Caynia bears S. E. by E. 5 Leagues distance, Wind S. W. to N.W.

- 6. Mund. These 24 hours we had very much Rain, we lay by all Sunday Night for the Gulf of Dulcia; and this Evening we got to an Anchor in the mouth of the Gulf, in 13. Fathom Water, the Wind at South, and much Rain.
- 7. Tuesd. We sent our Cance up the Gulf, to look a place to lay our Ship on Shoar in, but they found none.

8. wednesd. We weighed our Anchor, and failed three Leagues higher up the Gulf, then fent our Canoe and

Bark

1681. June. Bark up before the Ship: The Canoe going on Shoar, took an Indian Man and two Boyes, and brought them on Board. Here finding a place for our purpose, we came to an Anchor in 24 Fathom Water, close by the Shoar; and rainy weather.

9. Thursd. We halled our Ship near the Shoar, and mored her; and some of us built an House, while others landed our Goods with all expedition;

fair weather.

10. Frid. Here we lay till Munday the 13. which Night had like to have proved fatal to us, for our Cable gave way, and our Ship went ashoar, that we almost despaired of saving her; but having many Hands, we shoared her pretty upright, and on Wednesd. the 15. got her offagain, without much damage: here we continued until Thursday the 23.

our Ship and Bark, and gave them a Coat of Tallow, we weighed and intended to have gone a League higher, but it proving little Wind, we had like to have drove out at the Gulfsmouth.

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24. Frid. We got up to the Water-

ing place; fair weather.

Water, and left our Bark with some Hands cutting Wood where we cleaned our Ship.

26. Sund. and 27. Mund. These days we made an end of filling our Water, and came to an Anchor a mile below

the Bark.

28. Tuesd. We weighed and stood to Sea, the Wind at S. with much Rain. This Gulf of Dulcia has plenty of Wood and Water, store of Fish, is very bold, and void of all danger but

what is in fight.

It has an Island on the North Shoar, which makes a good Harbour: it lyes in 8. Degr. 30. M. and is 6. Leagues distance N. N. W. from Point Berica, which Point is high, with a low tract of Land running into the Sea with a small Cape, a little distance from it; at the West side of the Gulf lye two small Rocks close to the West Point.

29. Wednesd. Very much Rain all Day, at 6. a Clock Point Berica bears

N. E. 5. Leagues distance.

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30. Thursd. We have run 25. Leag. South, the Wind W. Cloudy weather.

July.

July the 1. We have run 17. Leag. South, Latitude 6. Degr. 13. Min. Wind West.

2. Saturd. We have run 8. Leagues East, Latitude 5. Degr. 35. Min. Wind

s, S.W.

3. Sund. We have run 28. Leagues East, Latitude 4. Degr. 23. Min. Wind S. S. E. Here we had plenty of Dolphins.

4. Mund. We have run 23. Leagues Esst, Latitude 3. Degr. 14. Minutes. little Wind at S. S. w. to W. N. W.

fresh gales. East 23. Leagues.

5. Tuesd. We have run 21. Leagues East, Latitude 2. Degr. 30. Min. little Wind at S. w. and S. S. w. This day we made the Isle of Galloe.

6. Wedn. We plyed to windward un-

der the Shoar.

7. Thursd. This Morning we weathered the Point of Manglas, as the Spaniards call it, which is no more than a Point of high Mangrows. To windward of it is a small Bay.

8. Frid. We kept plying to wind-

ward, along Shoar.

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9. Saturd. We kept plying along July. Shoar, and got under the high Land, to the Eastward of Cape Franco, which makes with White and Redish Cliffs.

Sail 6. Leagues to Windward of us, and about 7. at Night came up with him, fo we made fail to get under the Cape with our Prize.

11. Mund. We made the best of our

way to get under the Cape.

chor under the Cape, about 2. Leagues from the Shoar, in 6. Fathom Water, stiffsandy Ground; to the Eastward of this Cape lyes the River of S. Matthias, where live several Indians, Negroes, and Creolians, which are a mungrel breed of Spaniards and Indians mixt.

began to rummage our Prize, which was loaden with Cocoa, and fome Plate. On Thursday we cut away her Main-Mast, and turned her before the Wind for Panama, it being but requisite that a light Ship should have

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1681. July. less sail; we put her not out of her Road neither, but sent her to proceed on her Voyage she was bound for, which was for Panama.

17. Sund. This Night our small Canoe broke loose, but we got her again next Morning. As they rowed along the Shoar, they saw an Indian Man, but could not pursue him, for want of Arms.

After they came on Board we manned both our Canoes, and went on Shoar, where we found a delicate fresh water River; so we sent thither our Bark and Canoes to fill Water, which took up our time till Tuesday, when they came on Board; after we had unloaden the Bark, we sunk her.

20. Wedn. This Morning we weighed, and stood to Sea, the VVind at S. w.

Very hazy weather.

ward, VVind at W. S. W. and S. W. cloudy weather, with driffing Rain.

22. Frid. This 24 Hours we had a great S. W. Sea, the VVind shifting from E. S. E, to W. S. W. out of fight of Land.

23. Saturd. This day we came in fight of Cape Saint Francisco, the Wind between S. W. and S. hazy wea- July. ther.

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24. Sund. These 24. hours we hid the Wind at S. to S. w. thick hazy wea-

ther with drifling Rain.

25. Mund. These 24 hours we had the Windat S. S. W. After we had weathered the Cape to the Southward, is a great Bay, then a high land, but not so high as the Cape, Latitude o. Degr. 34. Min. North.

26. Tuesd. The Wind S. to S. W. we got within 6. Leagues of Cape Paf-Sado. To the N. E. of this Cape is high Land, with white Cliffs like those of

Beachy.

27. Wedn. In the Morning we saw a Sail close by the Shoar; so we gave her chase, she came to an Anchor, and most of the people got on Shoar, but we followed them, and took them all but a Fryer and four Negroes, who made their escape.

. The next day we sent them for Panama, from whence they came bound for Payta, with advice from Old Spain. Payta they always land ther Pacquets,

1681. July. day we turned her away, and plyed to windward, the Wind at S. to S. W.

and in a short time came up with her, the Spaniard began to fire some small Arms at us, but our way being to come Board and Board, and never to fire a Shot at randome, when we came up close with her, we warmed their Decks so that they soon struck, and called for Quarter; but the Captain was killed first, and one Man more, and several others wounded.

On Saturd. we came to an Anchor under Cape Passado, in 14. Fathom Water. The Prize was loaden with Wine, Brandy, Oyl, and Fruit, and 670. Piggs of Metal, which we (such was our dulness) supposed to be Tin. All the Arguments some of us could use, would not perswade our Captain and rest of our men to take them in; only one was brought away to make Bullets; part of which we gave to a Bristol Man, being about a third part of a Pigg, when we came to Antego, and he sold it at Bristol for 75. 1. Sterl. for it was Silver, though not refined

to the purity it should have been.

On Sund. Night the Men positively refusing to take in those Piggs, we July. turned away to Sea our Prize, that might have sufficiently enriched us all, and having stored our felves with Wine and Brandy, and confidering our small number of Men left, and good stock of Provisions, we thought it best to return home with what Booty we had; not over Land as our Comrades had done, but round by the streights of Magellan: So on Wedn. Morning we weighed, and stood to Sea, the Wind S. S. E.

August 4. We keep plying to Wind-ward, the Wind S. and S. W. very fresh gales.

5. Frid. We had fresh gales at S. and S. S. W. and very cloudy weather.

6. Saturd. We had small gales at S. S. E. to S. W. Monte a Christo bears S. 10. Leagues distance.

7. Sund. The Windat S. S. E. to S. W. fmall gales and a le-ward Cur-

rant that we have got nothing.

8. Mund. A strong leward Currant, and final Winds that we could get now thing. 9. Tuelday 1681.

1681. August. 9. Tues. We had the Wind at S. and S. W. little Wind: But at 10 in the Day, it came to W. and blowed very hard, which is the usual Course; we are in fight of Manta about 3. Leagues distance, a strong Currant.

to. Wednes. The Wind at S. W. in the Morning we had moderate gales, so we kept our own with Manta.

11. Thursd. We had the Wind at S. and W. S. W. moderate gales: Now the Currant sets as strong to windward as it did to leward. Cape Lawrence bears

East, 1 League distance.

Anchor at the Isle of Plate, where we lay refreshing our selves till Tuesday the 16. It is high table Land, being level at the top; there is pretty plenty of Wood, Goats, and Fish, but no Water, good anchorage in a sandy Bay, next the Main.

16. Tuesd. We set Sail about 2. in the

Afternoon, the Windat S. w.

17. Wednef. and 18. Thursd. Little Wind at S. S. W. and S. W. we got into Sancta Hellena Bay; the Currant setting to windward under the Shoar.

19. Frid.

Winds at S. S. W. but a very great Southern Sea. Point Hellena bears S. S. E.

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and S. in the Night Sancta Hellena bore E.S. E. 3 Leagues distance; this Day at 12 it bore East 8. Leagues distance.

21. Sund. We have had the Wind at

S. to W. S. W. moderate gales.

22. Mund. We have had the Wind at N. W. moderate gales: This Morning we made the South Shoar, of Wyake Bay.

23. Tuesd. We have kept plying to windward under the Shoar, the VVind

at S.W.

24. Wedn. VVe have had the VVind at S. W. very fresh, in Latitude 4. Degr. 11. Min., S. Cape Blanko bears S. E. by E. 3. Leagues distance.

25. Thurs. The VVind came to S. and S. E. very fresh gales that we have weathered the Cape 7 Leagues. Cold

cloudy weather.

26. Frid. VVe keep plying to windward under the Shoar; thick foggy weather, VVind S. to S. S. W.

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windward, the VVind from S. to S. E. thick foggy weather. At one of the Clock we made the high Land to windward of Payta.

28. Sund. This Morning we ran into Payta Bay with our Ship, and manned 2. Canoes with 32. Men to go on Shoar; but were descryed upon the Coast, and they provided so well against us, that it was madness to land. Their numbers of Horse and Foot upon the Bay, prevented our running into surther danger, so we returned on Board our Ship, and sailed away to Sea.

29. Mund. At 6. a Clock the high Land of Payta bears E. N. E. 10. Leag.

distance.

30. Tuesd. These 24. hours we had the VVind at S. to S. S. E. thick foggy weather: We have run West sive

Leagues.

31. Wedn. VVe had fair weather and a good observation. Latitude 6. Degr. 32. Min. by our account we are departed from the Meridian of Payta 26 Leagues West.

Septem.

September 1. VVe have run 8 Leagues West, Latitude 7. Degr. 38. Min. clou-

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dy weather, Wind S. S. E. to S. W.

West 34. Leagues.

2. Frid. Latitude 7. Degr. 29. Min. 11. Leagues West, the Wind at S. E. to E. S. E. Our Westing is 45. Leagues.

3. Saturd. Latitude 8. Degr. 17. Min. 16. Leagues West, Wind S. E. squally

weather. West 61. Leagues.
4. Sund. 16. Leagues West, Lat. 9. Degr. 18. Min. Wind S. to S. E. West

77. Leagues.

5. Mund. 19 Leagues West, Latitude 10. Degr. 45. Min. Wind S. E. to E. S. E. cloudy weather, and hard flaws of Wind. West 96. Leagues.

6. Tuesd. 15. Leagues West, Latitude 11. Degr. 52. Min. West 111. Leag.

7. Wednes. 10. Leagues west, Latitude 13. Degr. 30. Min. moderate gales. West 121. Leagues.

8. Thursd. 10. Leagues West, Lat. 14. Degr. 42. Min. cloudy weather.

West 131. Leagues.

9. Frid. 8. Leagues West, Latitude 15. Degr. 45. Min. Wind S. E. to E. S.

E. West 139. Leagues.

10. Saturday. 19. Leagues West, Latitude 16. Degrees 25. Minutes, clear 1681. Septem. clear weather. West 158. Leagues.

11. Sund. 5. Leagues West, Latitude 16. Degr. 58. Min. Wind S. E. and E. S. E. a great Southern Sea, that we went with our Main-Top-Sail furled, and Sprit-Sail reised. West 163. Leagues.

went with our low-Sails to ease our Ship, Latitude 17. Degr. 17. Min. Wind at S. E. 13. Leagues West. West

176. Leagues.

13. Tuesd. A great Sea, and hard gale at S. S. E. Latitude 18. Degr. 5. Min. West 16. Leagues. West 192. Leagues.

14. Wedn. 12. Leagues West Latitude 18. Degr. 59. Min. hard gales at S. E. and a great Sea. West 204.

Leagues.

15. Thursd. 10. Leagues West, Latitude 19. Degr. 56. Min. moderate

gales. West 214. Leagues.

16. Frid. 6. Leagues West, Latitude 20. Degrees 44. Minutes, the Wind round the Compass. West 220. Leagues.

17. Sat. Little Wind, We have run but one League West, Latitude 20.

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Degrees 55. Minutes. West 221.

Leagues.

18. Sund. 13. Leagues West, Latitude 21. Degr. 23. Min. fair weather the Wind from S. to S. S. E. West 234.

Leagues.

19. Mund. 12. Leagues west, Latitude 22. Degr. 20. Min. Wind at S. E. squally weather. West 246. Leagues.

20. Tuesd. 8. Leagues West, Latitude 23. Degr. 23. Min. Wind E. S. E. squally weather. 254. Leagues West.

21. Wedn. 7. Leagues West, Latitude 24. Degr. 44. Min. Wind E. S. E. to S. E. squalls of Wind and Rain. west 261. Leagues.

22. Thursd. The Wind at East, we

steered Latitude 26. Degr. 14. Min.

23. Frid. We have run South Latitude 27. Degr. 45. Min. the Wind S. E. to E. N. E. squally weather.

24. Saturd. Latitude 28. Degr. 49. Min. the Wind S. E. squally wea-

ther.

25. Sund. Latitude 29. Degr. 59. Min. cloudy weather, here we allow 20. Leagues from our departure for a N. W. Currant, which makes me 281 Leagues to the Westward of Payta.

26. Mund.

1681. Septem. 26. Mund. 24. Leagues East, Latitude 31. Degr. 11. Min. Wind at N. E. to N. East 24. Leagues.

27. Tuesd. 23. Leagues East, Latitude 32. Degr. 23. Min. Wind N. E. to N. W. fair weather. East 47. Leag.

28. Wedn. 23. Leagues East, Latitude 33. Degr. 21. Min. Wind N. E. to N. all day, at Night it came to S. W. in a gust, and blowed very hard with small Rain. East 70. Leagues.

29. Thursd. 21. Leagues East, Latitude 34. Degr. 25. Min. Wind W. N. W. gusty weather. East 91. Leagues.

30. Frid. 18. Leagues East, Latitude 35. Degr. 46. Min. Wind VV. N. VV. a great Sea. East 109. Leagues.

October.

October 1. 8. Leagues East, Latitude 36. Degr. 50. Min. Wind N. VV. good weather. East 117. Leagues.

2. Sund. 18. Leagues East, Latitude 38. Degr. 12. Min. Wind VV. N. VV. squally. East 135. Leagues.

N. VV. squally. East 135. Leagues.

3. Mund. 15. Leagues East, Latitude 39. Degr. 21. Min. Wind VV. N. VV. to S. VV. in the Night we had a hard gust at VV. S. VV. close cloudy weather. East 150. Leagues.

4. Tuesd. 16. Leagues East, Latitude 41. Degr. 18. Min. Wind VV. N. VV. East 166. Leagues.

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5. VVedn. 14. Leagues East, Latitude 43. Degr. 15. Min. fresh Winds.

East 180. Leagues.

6. Thursd. 22. Leagues East, Latitude 44. Degr. 57. Min. hard gales at VV. N. VV. thick weather, with rain: we went with a fore coarle only. East 202. Leagues.

7. Frid. 13. Leagues East, Latit. 45. Degr. 55. Min. hard gales at N. W. and VV. N. VV. with thick drifling Rain, under a fore coarse. East 215.

Leagues.

3. Saturd. 11. Leagues East, by judgment, Latitude 46. Degrees 46. Min. very hard gales at VV. by N. at eight of the Clock we laid our Ship by, under a Mizon, ballanced; but the Wind came on so sierce that it blew away our Mizon, so we veered out two Hassers on an end made fast to a Spareyard, and a quoile of old Rope, and kept our Ships Head to the Sea. East 226. Leagues.

9. Sund. The Wind somewhat abaed, that we could suffer a Mizon bal-H

lanced.

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lanced, but a very grown Sea, Latitude by judgment 47. Degrees 1. Minute East, 7. Leagues. East 233. Leagues.

> In the Afternoon when the fierceness of the storm was overblown, we got

in our drudge.

10. Mund. 12. Leagues East, Latitude by judgment, 47. Degrees 58. Minutes, wind from N. VV. to S. VV. hard gales, with very much Rain. East 245. Leagues.

11. Tuesd. 18. Leagues East, Latitude by judgment, 49. Degrees 52. Minutes, a very hard gale of Wind at N.

to N. E. East 263. Leagues.

12. Wednesd. 5. Leagues East, Latitude by judgment, 49. Degrees 59. Minutes, a hard gale of Wind, we under a main coarfe. This Morning at four of the Clock, we made land, it was very high and mountainous Land; at break of day we faw a Showle to Windward of us, which by Gods providence we fell to Leward of in the Night, our Ship staying three times under a Main Coarse, or else we had been certainly upon it. In the Day the Wind a little abating, we fet our Fore-Sail .

October.

Sail, and two Top Sails, and stood in for the Shoar; and seeing an opening, 1681. fent our Canoes in before the Ship, and found a very fmooth place to anchor in, but deep Water: so we came to an Anchor in 45. Fathom Water. At going in, one of our Men fell out of the Sprit Sail-Top, and was drowned; his name was Henry Shergall. In the Night our Cable cut with the Rocks, that we were forced to look for a better Harbour, which finding, we got our Ship in, and mored her to the Shoar with Hassers, and laid two Anchors out, which were all we had left.

Here we lay till saturday, at which time our Ship brake loose, and her Stern grounded upon a Rock, which unshipt our Rudder, bowed three Pintels, and broke the Goofe-Neck. About eight at Night we got her off, and

mored her the second time.

On Monday we had a hard gust of

Wind with Snow,

On Tuesday we had good weather, and we observed with our Astrolabes Latitude 50. Degr. 37. Min.

On Friday it rained with hard flaws

of Wind, at N.VV.

1681. October. It hailed and rained with hard gusts of Wind from Saturday to Thursday, the 27. at which time, it being pretty sair weather, our Canoe went out a sowling, and sound a Canoe with 3 Indians in it; who being near the Shoar, one of them got away, another was shot, and the other taken and brought on Board; but we could not understand him, only perceived he used to eat raw Flesh and Fish.

On Friday our Canoe went to see if they could find any more Indians, and by the help of our new Prisoner sound several of their Houses, but the Inhabitants were all fled, and their Goods with them, if they had any; so we came on Board without any surther discovery.

Novem.

November 1. The Month and Weather changed together; so having fair weather we got up our Top-Masts and bent our Sails: And on Friday the 4 we cast off our shoar Fass, and halled to our Anchors; and on Saturday went to Sea, the Wind at N. VV. and VV. N. VV. hard gales of Wind.

5. To this place we gave the name of the Duke of York's Island; we suppose

Bermudas. While we stayed here we spent little of our dry Provisions, but one half of our Ships company went on Shoar one day to gather Lympets and Muscles, and the other half the next; thus we lived with now and then some Geese, Ducks, and Penguins, which we thought good Fare, and were very well content with it. This place is in 50. Degrees 37. Minutes S. Latitude.

we have run 15. Leagues West, Latitude 51. Degr. 34. Min. Wind N.

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7. Mund. 16. Leagues West, Latitude 52. Degr. 9. Min. Wind N. N. W. and N. W. good weather. West 31. Leagues.

8. Tuesd. These 24 hours we have run 16. Leagues East, in Latitude 53. Degr. 27 Min. Wind N. N. W. good

weather. East 16. Leagues.

9. Wednesd. 18. Leagues East, Latiude 53. Degr. 20. Min. Wind. N. East,

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Vind, sometimes under a Mizon, and pmetimes a Hull.

13 II Frid

1681. Novem. 11. Frid. The storm continued from N. E. to N. with Rain.

12. Saturd. Fine moderate weather, and a good observation. Latitude 53. Degr. 27. Min. the Wind continuing at N. E. we were quite out of all hopes of recovering the Streights of Magellan, or Le Maire; so that we were forced to bear up the Helm, to seek for a passage further South. Here is a great S. W. Current.

13. Sund. Lat. 57. Degr. o. Min. great Currents. Variation 14. Degr. East 18. Leagues.

14. Mund 22. Leagues East, Latitude 57. Degr. 43. Min. Wind at W.

East 43. Leagues.

15. Tuesd. 28. Leagues East, Latitude by judgment, 58. Degr. 19. Min. Wind at N. to N. N. E. very cold, with Snow and Rain. East 71. Leagues. 16. Wedn. 26. Leagues East, Latit

tude 57. Degr. 52. Min. Wind at St to S. S. E. very cold freezing wear

ther. East 97. Leagues.

17. Thursd. 24. Leagues East, Lative tude by observation, 58. Degr. 10. Min Wind at S. VV. This Morning we came up with two great Islands of Ice.

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one about three Leagues long, the other smaller; about three in the Afternoon we came up with four more, but Novem. not so big: clear weather, but freezing cold. We find by this observation, and our last 24 hours run, that we have been further Southerly by almost two Degrees, than our computation by dead reckoning makes out, and by many Degrees, than ever any others have failed in that Sea, that have yet been heard of: for we were at about 60 Degrees South Latitude. We find diversity of Currents, but have not Provision to try them. 16. Degrees variation. East 121. Leagues.

18. Frid. 25. Leagues East, Lat. by judgment, 57. Degr. 25. Min. Wind at N. to N. N. E. East 146. Leagues.

19. Saturd. 20. Leagues East, Latitude 57. Degr. 25. Min. Wind at N. to N. N. E. fnowy, cold, freezing wea-

ther. East 166. Leagues.

20. Sund. 9. Leagues East, Latitude by judgment, 57. Degr. 13. Min. Wind at N. cold, thick, foggy weather. This Day the Water was changed very green, like a River. East 175. Leagues.

21. Mund. H 4

1681. Novem. tude by judgment, 57. Degr. 13. Min. little Wind at N. sometimes calm, very green Water, and great Sea, with thick foggs. East 180. Leagues.

E. and E. N. E. we laid our Ships Head to the Northward, thick foggy weather.

23. Wedn. 3. Leagues East, Latitude by judgment, 56. Degr. 19. Min. the Wind round the compass. East 183. Leagues.

24. Thursd. 10. Leag. East, Lat. 56. Degr. 9. Min. the Wind shirting in the Northern board. East 193. Leagues.

25. Frid. 13. Leagues East, Latitude 54. Degr. 50. Min. Wind N. E. to E. S. E. very hard gales under two Coarses: This Day we judged we saw the Landbear N. N. W. East 206. Leagues.

26. Saturd. 25. Leagues East, Latitude 53. Degr. 43. Min. Wind E. S. E. blowing very hard with Hail and

Snow. East 231. Leagues.

27. Sund. 21. Leagues East, Latitude by a good observation, 52. Degr. 48. Min. the Wind at E. to E.S. E. blowing hard. East 252. Leagues.

28. Mund.

nus 28. Mund. 21. Leagues East, Lat. by 1681. judgment, 51. Degrees 45. Minutes, Novem. Wind at S. W. good weather. East 273. Leagues.

29. Tuesd. 30. Leagues East, Latitude by observation, 49. Degr. 41. Min. Wind at S. to W. fresh gales, and a N. E. Current. East 303. Leagues.

30. Wednesd. 30. Leagues East, Latitude 48. Degr. 57. Min. good weather.

East 333. Leagues.

The 1. of December We ran 9. Leag. Decem. East, Latitude 48. Degr. 35. Min. a very hard gale at N. N. W. to N. East

342. Leagues.

2. Frid. 39. Leagues East, Latitude 47. Degr. 35. Min. a very hard gale of Wind at S. W. we went with our fore-Course reift, and Sprit-Sail, we made good weather. East 381. Leagues.

3. Saturd. 31: Leagues East, Latitude 46. Degr. 2. Min. hard gales of Wind at S. W. we went with our Fore-Coarse, and Fore-Top-sail low set. East

412. Leagues.

4. Sund. Latitude by observation, 43. Degr. 59. Min. Wind S. to S. E. fair weather, we have met with a N. W. Current that we made our way North.

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1681. Decem. 7. Mund. 32 Leagues East, Latitude 42. Degr. 27. Min. the Wind S. W. pretty warm weather. East 444. Leagues.

6. Tuesd. 33. Leagues East, Latitude 40. Degr. 27. Min. Wind S. w. to W. S. W. fair weather. East 477.

Leagues.

7. VVednesd. 27. Leagues East, Latitude 39. Degr. 33. Min. a hard gale at VVest, about 10. at Night it came to N. VV. at 11. in the Day it came to VV. with Rain; we being under a pair of coarses, and it came so violently with a hard showre of Rain, that it blew both our Coarses away.

Though several of us had been in a Hurricane in the *VVest Indies*, yet every one declared it was the greatest stress of Wind for the space of two Glasses that ever they were in in their lives.

East 504. Leagues.

8. Thursd. 18. Leagues East, Wind at W. to N. W. a hard gale under a fore Coarse, Latitude by observation, 38. Degr. 36. Min. East 522. Leagues.

9. Frid. 21. Leagues East, Latitude 37. Degr. 42. Min. a moderate gale.

East 543. Leagues.

10. Saturd.

Decem.

10. Saturd. 22. Leagues East, Latitude by observation, 37 Degr. 11. Min. good weather, Wind N.W. to N. N. E. 565. Leagues Fast.

E. 565. Leagues East.
11. Sund. 17. Leagues East, Latitude
36. Degr. 59. Min. Wind from N. N.

E. to N. W. a great S. W. Sea, and a hard gale. East. 582. Leagues.

12. Mund. 13. Leagues East, Latitude 36. Degr. 20. Min. the Wind at S. S. W. thick foggy weather. East 595. Leagues.

by judgment, 35. Degr. 41. Min. Wind from E. S. E. very thick weather. East

604. Leagues.

34. Wedn. 2. Leagues East, Latitude 34. Degr. 29. Min. the Windat N. W. very smooth Water. East 606. Leag.

15. Thursd. 25. Leagues East, Latitude 33. Degr. 52. Min. Wind N. N. W. East 631. Leagues.

16. Frid. 20. Leagues East, Latitude 32. Degr. 5. Min. East 651. Leagues.

17. Saturd. 17. Leagues East, Latitude 31. Degr. 2. Min. the Wind at N. W. by N. and N. W. East 668. Leagues.

1681. Decem. 18. Sund. 14. Leagues East, Latitude 29. Degr. 39. Min. Wind W. N. W. and fair weather. East 682. Leag.

19. Mund. 22. Leagues East, Latitude 28 Degr. 26 Min. Wind at W. and fair weather. East 704. Leagues.

20. Tuesd. 3. Leagues East, Latitude 27. Degr. 29. Min. Wind round the

Compass. East 707. Leagues.

21. Wedn. 2. Leagues East, Latitude 27. Degr. 2. Min. the Wind round the Compass, and cloudy weather. East 709. Leagues.

in 26. Degr. 36. Min. by observation.

23. Frid. 2. Leagues East, Latitude by judgment, 25. Degr. 39. Min. Wind at E. S. E. good weather. East 711. Leagues.

24. Saturd. 5. Leagues East, Latitude 23. Degr. 51. Min. the Wind at E. S. E. fair weather. East 7:6 Leag.

25. Sund. 14. Leagues East, Latitude by observation, 22. Degr. 1. Min. the Wind at E. fair weather.

When we took the two Barks at Nicova, we had a little fucking Pigg in one of them, which we kept on Board ever since for our Christmas days Din-

ner,

Decem.

ner, which now was grown to be a large Hogg; so we killed it for Dinner, but thinking it not enough for us all, we bought a Spaniel-Dogg of the Quarter Master for forty pieces of Eight, and killed him; so with the Hogg and the Dogg, we made a Feast, and we had some Wine left, which made us merry: This being the only thing we had eaten that had blood in it since our departure from the Duke of York's Island. East 730 Leagues.

26. Mund. 5. Leagues East, Latitude 20. Degr. 28 Min. the Wind. at E. N. E. to E. S. E. fair weather. East 735.

Leagues.

27. Tuesd. 6. Leagues East, Latitude by judgment, 18. Degr. 48. Min. East

741. Leagues.

28. Wednes. 5. Leagues East, Latitude by judgment, 16. Degr. 42. Min. Wind E. S. E. fresh gales. East 746. Leagues.

29. Thursd. 4. Leagues East, Latitude 14. Degr. 26. Min. Wind E. S. E.

East 750. Leagues.

30. Frid. 7. Leagues East, Latitude 12. Degr. 20. Min. Wind E. S. E. to S. E. East 757. Leagues.

31. Saturd,

1681

31. Saturd. 6. Leagues East, Latitude by judgment, 10. Degr. 20. Min. Wind at E. sair weather. We have now run 763. Leagues East from the Duke of York's Isle.

January

January the 1. Sund. We have run 33. Leagues West, Latitude 8. Degr. 41. Min. Wind S. E.

2. Mund. 30. Leagues West, Latitude by observation, 6. Degr. 7. Min, Wind S. E. We here saw abundance of flying Fish. West 63. Leagues.

3. Tuesd. 31. Leagues West, Latitude 4. Degr. 33. Min. Wind S. E. close cloudy weather. West 94. Leagues.

4. Wedn. 30. Leagues West, Latitude by judgment, 3. Degr. 3. Min. Wind at S. S. E. fair weather. West 124. Leagues.

5. Thursd. 28. Leagues West, Latitude by observation, 2. Degr. 10. Min. Wind at S. S. E. to E. S. E. fair wea-

ther. West 152. Leagues.

6. Frid. 25. Leagues West, Latitude by observation, o. Degr. 53. Min. South, Wind S. S. E. We saw here abundance of Fowls. West 177. Leagues.

7. Saturd. 25. Leagues West, Latitude by observation, 00. Degr. 33.

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Min. North, Wind at S. S. E. West 202. Leagues.

8. Sund. 20. Leagues West, Lati- January tude 1. Degr. 33. Min. North, Wind

at S. small gales. West 222. Leagues.

9. Mund. 16. Leagues West, Latitude 2. Degr. 45. Min. West 238.

Leagues.

10. Tuesd. 3. Leagues West, Latitude by observation, 3. Degr. 17. Min. we lay becalmed most part of this 24. hours. West 241. Leagues.

titude 4. Degr. 6. Min. the Wind round

the Compass. West 252. Leagues.

12. Thursd. 10. Leagues West, Latitude 5. Degr. 37. Min. Wind N. E. West 262. Leagues.

13. Frid. 28. Leagues West, Latitude 6. Degr. 37. Min. Wind N. E. west

290. Leagues.

14. Saturd. 26. Leagues West, Latitude 7. Degr. 27. Min. Wind E. N. E. and N. E. fair weather. West 316. Leagues.

15. Sund. 28. Leagues West, Latitude 9. Degr. 1. Min. Wind N. E. clou-

dy weather. west 344. Leagues.

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16. Mund. 27. Leagues West, Latitude 10. Degr. 52. Min. Wind N. E. a great Northern Sea. West 371. Leagues.

17. Tuesd. 30. Leagues West, Latitude by observation, 12. Degr. 17. Min. Wind N. E. and N. N. E. hazy wear

ther. West 401. Leagues.

18. wednes. 42. Leagues West, Latitude by observation, 13. Degr. 17. Min. the Wind E. N. E. and N. E. West 443. Leagues.

19. Thursd. 52. Leagues West, Latitude 12. Degr. 55. Min. Wind E. N.

E. and N. E. West 495. Leagues.

20. Frid. 42. Leagues West, Latitude 13. Degr. 4. Min. Wind E. N. E. West 537. Leagues.

titude 13. Degr. 7. Min. Wind N. E.

west 581. Leagues.

22. Sund. 48. Leagues-West, Latitude 13. Degr. 15. Min. Wind E. to N. E. West 629. Leagues.

23. Mund. 54. Leagues VVest, Latitude 13. Degr. 8. Min. Wind E. N. E.

clear weather. West 683. Leagues. 24. Tuesd. 52. Leagues West, Lati-

tude 13. Degrees 5. Minutes, Wind N. E. West 735. Leag. 25. Wedn.

25. Wedn. 54. Leag. West, Lat. 13. Degr. 26. Min. Wind at N. E. hard squals of Wind and Rain. West 789 Leag.

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26. Thursd. 52. Leagues West, Latitude 13. Degr. 12. Min. Wind at E. to N. E. much Rain with squals. West 841. Leagues.

27. Frid. 56. Leagues West, Latitude 13. Degr. 30. Min. the Wind at N. E. squally weather, with Rain. West

897. Leagues.

28. Saturd. This Morning about 4. of the Clock, we made the Island of Barbados, it bore W. by S. 3. Leagues distance; but we fell in with the North part of the Isle. This was the first Land we had seen in about three Months time, which was from our leaving the Duke of York's Island, in the South Sea; we coming a Way that had never been known before, many Degrees South of the Magestan Streights.

From Friday Noon, till the time of making Land, we have run 30. Leagues West. West 927. Leagues. When we were about the North end of Barbados, we stood in for Spikes's Bay, and there coming a Boat off to us, who told us, they belonged to the Richmond Frigat,

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we invited them on Board, being delirous to know how affairs flood fince our
Maritime Pilgrimage; but they refufing, and standing in to the Shorr,
made us suspect, That the Frigat
might make Prize of us; so we bore
up the Helm for Antego, where we

arrived the 31. instant.

Our Commander sent a Letter to the Governour, and a Present of Jewels to his Lady: But the Governour resusing to let us come publickly on Shoar for common resreshment, the Lady returned the Present; so we gave the Ship to Men which had played away all their Money, and every Man shifted for himself. Some came into England, others went to Jamaica, New England, &c. And those who came to London were committed by his Majesties Order, and tryed and acquitted at a Court of Admiralty, where the Spanish Ambassadour was Prosecutor.

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Captain Van Horn's taking of la Vera Cruz.

Thought it might not be unacceptable to the Reader, to adjoyn this account from Jamaica of the late Action of certain Privateers under command of Captain Van Hern, a Hollander, in taking of la Vera Cruz; being the Barrador or Port where the Spaniards land their Merchandise for conveyance up to the city of Mexico; and where they likewise ship off their goods on board the Gallions for Spain.

Upon the 7. day of April 1683. The Buccaneers had a rendezvouz at Cape Catroche, being the South Cape of the Bay of Mexico with this force follow-

ing,

Van Horna Hollander, in an English Ship of 50. Guns, who was Admiral.

Lan-

Laurence a Hollander, in a Prize of 26. Guns, Vice-Admiral

Christian a Hollander, in Van Horn's

Patach of 40. Guns.

Mitchel a French man, in a Prize of Laurences of 26. Guns.

Tanchey, a Hollander, in a Prize of 16.
Guns.

Bloat a Hollander, in a Prize of 8. Guns.

Jacob Hall, a Bermudean, in a small Vessel of 8. Guns.

Spurre, an English-man, in a Sloop of Jamaica: And,

A Barco Longo of Laurences.

These Vessels had between nine hundred and a thousand men, most of them French and Dutch, and some sew English. On the 8 day of May, they came on the Coast of la Vera Cruz, and lay by; there the Men that were to land, were put on Board Yanchy and Christian, and then stood off.

On the 9. these two Ships stood in, and in the Night the Spaniards in the Castle and on Shoar, made fires to Pilot them in, supposing them to be two of their Flota; so they came to an Anchor, and landed before one a Clock in

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the Morning, about two Miles from the Town, seven hundred seventy and 1683. four Men.

Van Horn had the Main Body, as General, & wasto attack the Plaça or chief part of the Town, where they expected the Court of Guard, but found only four Men: Laurence commanded the Forlorn, and with it attempted the two Forts, the one of twelve, the other of eight Guns, both close Forts, but they found them open, and the Centinel afleep; so with the loss of one man killed by the Spaniards, and three by a mistake of the French, by break of day they had made themselves Masters of the Forts and Town; and had they, as Laurence advised, sent at the same time, but two Canoes and fifty Men, they had without doubt surprized the Castle, which stands upon a Rock in the Sea, three quarters of a Mile from the Town, and has in it feventy Guns mounted.

But the Pyrates thinking it more safe and profitable to plunder the Town: fet Guards at the Streets ends, and sent Parties to break open the Houses, where they found every body as quiet, as in their Graves, and for three days they

continued breaking of Houses, plundering them, and dragging the miserable Inhabitants to the Cathedral, and though at this time they got abundance of Jewels, Plate, or and about three hundred and fifty Bags of Cochenelle, each containing one hundred and fifty or two hundred pound weight, as they fay; nyet were they not fatisfied, but put the confiderable people to ransome; and threatned to burn the Cathedral and Prisoners in it, which were five thousand and seven hundred, if they did not immediately discover all they had; so that the fourth day they got more than the other three; and had seventy thousand pieces of Eight for the Governour Don Luis de Cordoua's Ransome, which Spurre found hid amongst Grass in a Stable.

The Buccaneers feared the Spanish Flota, which had been two days in fight, confisting of twelve great Ships, and likewise apprehended succours might come to the Spaniards from los Angelos, a City thirty Leagues from la Vera Cruz, so they left the Town, and carryed their Prisoners and Plunder to a Cay, where the Ships rode, called

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Temple that was there; and at their passing by the Spanish Fleet, lying at the mouth of the Harbour, which they expected would have fought them; the Buccaneers perceiving that they suffered them to go off with their Booty so quietly, resolved to have a Bout with them, but the Spaniards preparing to be gone away, it prevented their ingagement.

Here at los Sacrificios the Pyrates stay'd eight dayes, to receive Ransomes, and to divide what they had got, which is generally said to be eight hundred pieces of eight, a share in Plate and Mony, and they made near twelve hundred shares for Men and Ships; and Van Horn had about sourscore shares coming to him, for himself and his

two Ships.

But Laurence and Van Horn quarrelling about the dividend, fought, and Van Horn being wounded in the Wrist, no body thinking it to be but a slight wound, they all embarked, and Van Horn once more proposed to attack the Flota, and engaged to board the Admiral; but Laurence utterly refusing

fusing it, away they went, carrying also with them about a thousand Negroes and Mulatos.

About fifteen days after, Van Horn dyed of his Wound which had gangreened, and was thrown into the Sea off of Cape Jucatan, leaving his Son, a Youth of about ten or twelve years of Age, to the value (as they fay) of twenty thousand Pounds Sterling on Board; and his Lieutenant Gramont, took upon him the command of the Ship, intending for Petit Guave.

Laurence and the rest of the Fleet were seen not long after, off of the Island of Jamaica, and went for Guantanamo, a Port on the South side of Cuba: since that, Spurre and three or sour hundred more of them, are said to be dead; and his excellency Sir Thomas Linch the Governour of Jamaica, was endea-

vouring to seize Spurre's Sloop.

This Account was sent in August, 1683.

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Nevis in the West-Indies, August 18. 1683.

Captain Charles Carlifle, Commander of his Majesties Ship the Francis, having Orders from Sir William Stapleton, Governour in chief of the Leeward Islands, to go in search of several Pyrates, who have infested these parts, came on the first of this Month into the Road of S. Thomas, one of the Virgin Islands, where he found at Anchor the Ship la Trompeuse, commanded by that notorious Pyrate Hamlin, (who had taken seventeen Ships of all Nations, of which eleven English, upon the Coast of Guinea, and most barbaroully and inhumanely treated the Men belonging to them) but the Francis no sooner came within reach of the Pyrate, but she received a shot from him, which was followed by another from the Castle: Captain Carlifle fent on shoar to know the reason, and to demand the Pyrate as a common Enemy; but receiving no fatisfactory answer, he immediately prepared Fireworks, and that Night fitted out his Boats.

Boats, and fet the Pyrates Ship on fire, and then rowed betwixt her and the Shoar, to prevent any affistance that might come from thence to her relief; all the Men that were on board her, made their escape, except sour which were taken Prisoners: The Fire took good effect, and when the Pyrates Ship was burnt down to the Powder, she blew up, one piece of Timber of her, which was all on fire, lighting on a-nother Ship likewise in the Road, (that used to be helpful to them in Careening) burnt heralfo. The next Morning the Francis setting sail from thence, they espyed a Ship on Ground, about a League from them, which they made up to, and coming to her, found her a Ship laden with Cables, Cordage, and other necessaries for Shipping, and designed for supply of the Pyrates; wherefore they likewise set Fire to, and burnt her, and then again fer fail for this Island, where they safely arrived with the four pyrate Prisoners, who upon Examination, confessed, That the day before the Trompeuse was burnt, they had landed in the Castle. there, a very large Chest of Gold-Dust,

Dust, 150 Piggs of Silver, 200 Baggs of Coined Money, besides Plate, Jewals, Elephants-Teeth, and other valuable Goods and Commodities. This service is very acceptable to all Traders in these parts, whose Trade is very much secured by the destruction of this Pyrate.

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The true Relation of Admiral Henery Morgans Expedition against the Spaniards in the West-Indies, in the Year 1670.

A Dmiral Morgan on the fourteenth day of August 1670. put to sea, with eleven Sail of Ships, and six hundred Men, and on the second day of September following, arrived at a small Island called the Isle of Ash, which was to be the place of Rendezvouz of all his Fleet for that Expedition. From whence Vice-Admiral Collier upon the sixth of the same Month was dispatched with six Sail, and three hundred and sifty Men, for the Coast of the Main, to get Prisoners for Intelligence, and Victuals for the whole Fleet. The last day of September.

small Ship ill manned, and brought 1670. fmall Ship ill manned, and brought with him Emanuel de Rivera his Vesfel of eight Sacres, who had lately burnt the Coasts of Jamaica, and had fent a Challenge to dare out the best Ship of that Island to come and fight him; he was taken at the East end of Cuba.

The seventh of October following, there happened so violent a Storm, in the Harbour, that it drove all the Fleet on Shoar, (except the Admiral's Vessel) then consisting of eleven Sail: All of which, but three, got off again and were made serviceable. In this Month arrived three French Vessels, and conditioned to fail under the Admiral: And in November our Fleet was encreased with seven Sail more of English Ships.

Upon the twenty eighth of the fame Month, our Vice-Admiral Collier, returned from the Main, with good quantities of Provision, and two

of the Spaniards Vessels, one of which called la Gallarda, was of Rivera's Company, affifting him to burn the Coasts of Jamaica. Some of the Prisoners, brought in this ship, confessed that the President of Panama, Don Juan Perez de Gusman, had granted feveral Commissions against the English: And that divers Spanish Ships with these Commissions, were already out, who had made Prize of as many English, as they could master; that they were still fitting out more; and that the Spamiards both at Land and Sea, were arming against the English.

On the second day of December, Admiral Morgan commanded all the Captains on board him, being thirty feven in number, and demanded their advice what place was properest for them first to attack; and their Result, which they drew up, and gave him under their hands, was to this effect; G THAT

" HAT having feriously considered, what place might prove "most feasible to attack and car-"ry, and be most advantageous for "the safety of the English, and in par-"ticular for the security of the Island " of Jamaica, for preventing the a-"noyances and invasions of the Spa"niards, they did all unanimously "conclude, That it would stand most "for the general good of the English, "trading to Jamaica, and the rest of his Majesties Plantations in the West-"Indies, to take Panama; The Pre-"fident whereof having granted feve"ral Commissions against the Eng-"lish, to the great anoyance of fa"maica, and of our Merchant Men; " as both by the Oaths of the Spa-" nish Prisoners, and the very ori-"ginal Commissions, taken with the "afore mentioned Spanish Vessels, did " most evidently appear.



To which the Admiral confented, and having called another time the Captains on board him, to consult of the manner of carrying on that attempt, and where to find Prisoners to be our Guides for Panama: It was voted that from the Island of Providence, most of the people there being taken from Panama, that no place could be more sit.

December the eighth, we failed, and the fourteenth we arrived at Providence by eight in the Morning, and by two in the Afternoon, were possessed of the great Island without any resistance.

The fifteenth the Admiral sent a a Summons to the Governour to deliver the Little Island, who willingly submitted, upon Condition, That he might have good Quarter, and Transportation to any part of the Main; which was granted and duly performed: But sour of his Souldiers voluntarily took up Arms with us, and became our Guides: And by them

them understanding, The Castle of Chagre blocked our way. The Admiral called a Council of all the Captains, where it was resolved, that we should attack this Castle of Chagre.

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OR this purpose were four hundred and seventy men, in three Ships, forthwith dispatched away, under the command of Captain Joseph Bradley, with three other Captains, and four Lieutenants. On the 27. they were fafely landed within four Miles of the Castle, by twelve a Clock at Night; By two they had made their approach within Shot one of the other; and by three a Clock had got into their Trenches, where they continued fighting till eight in the Morning: from whence they had returned without effecting their design, if in plying their Grana-does, they had not set a Guard-house on fire, that stood upon the Walls which caused a breach; where our Mer couragiously

couragiously stormed, and the enemy as bravely defended, to the last Man; and obstinately resusing Quarter, it cost them the lives of three hundred and sixty Men. Of our side were thirty killed out right, one Captain, and one Lieutenant, and seventy six wounded, whereof the brave Bradley was one, with two Lieutenants, who dyed within ten dayes after, of their Wounds, to the great grief of the Admiral, and of all our Fleet in general.

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Admiral Morgan's Expedition against Panama.

Morgan arrived with the whole Fleet, and understanding that the Enemy lay with Forces to endeavour the re-taking of the Castle of Chagre, he gave order for the Fleet to follow, him into the Harbour; but five of the foremost, had the ill fortune to be cast away, amongst which the Ship wherein the Admiral himself was, was one, and four more, but they saved their Men.

The rest of the Fleet being come in, they prepared to go up the River, where the Admiral understood our Enemies had entrenched themselves, and had six several Retreats, in Breast-Works; whereupon he gave order,

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That seven sail of the lesser Ships, should be sitted to go up the River, and sill'd them with Men, and great Guns, leaving three hundred to guard the Castle and the Ships, under the command of Captain Richard Norman.

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Munday the ninth, Admiral Morgan began to fet forward with four-teen hundred Men, in the said seven Ships, and thirty six Boats.

The twelfth day he got to the first Intrenchment, which the Spaniards had basely quitted, and set all on fire, as they did all the rest without striking a stroak for it.

Here he was forced to leave the Ships and Boats, (being unable to get them conveniently up further) with two hundred Men to guard them, under the command of Captain Robert Delander, and we betook our felves to our march through the wild Woods, where was no Road nor Path for four and twenty Miles together, but what our Pioneers cut and made for us.

1670. January The fourteenth, our Admiral with our Army, arrived within two Miles of Venta Cruz, the place where we should have landed, if we had been able to have got our Vessels up so high. And here we came to a narrow and dangerous Pass, which the Enemy thought to have secured, and put a stop to our further progress in that design; but indeed they were presently routed by our Forlorn, commanded by Captain Thomas Rogers, the rest of our Men never being put to the trouble of siring one Shot, and without suffaining any loss, saving three Men slightly wounded, but the Enemies loss we could never learn.

at Venta Cruz upon the River of Chagre, which is a very handsome Village, and the place where they land and embark all the Goods which come and go to Panama: And where we thought we might meet with some Provisions, having marched three days with but a very slender Dyet, but sound this (as the rest of the places we had passed) all on fire, and the Inhabitants and Souldiers all sled.

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The fixteenth we marched on forwards, the Enemy galling us from their Ambuscades, and by small Parties, and we still beating them for a League together; although they had all the advantage of us that could be, by reason of the Ways being so narrow that we could seldom march above four a Breast, and was for the most part so deep and hollow, that the Enemy could keep over our heads to annoy us.

About Noon we got safely to the Savanas or open Fields, with the loss but of three Men killed outright, and six or seven wounded: and of the Enemy, twenty killed, and one Captain, besides many wounded. About three Miles further, we took up our Quarters, to resresh our Men, and thank God for the successful service of that day.

The seventeenth we continued our march without any opposition, and about nine a Clock in the Morning saw that desired and long wished for sight, the South Sea; and not far distant from us a goodly parcel of

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cattle and Horses seeding. Where upon our Admiral commanded a general halt to be made; and gave our Men leave to kill Horses and Received appears arough to see the all

Beeves enough to feast us all.

At about four a Clock in the Afternoon, our Men having refreshed themselves very well, we marched on again; and at five came within fight of the Enemy, where he was drawn up in Battalia, with two thousand and one hundred Foot, and fix hundred Horse; but finding the day far spent, the Admiral thought it not sit to engage, but took up quarters within a mile of them, where we lay very quiet; not being so much as once allarmed.

The next Morning being the eighteenth, our Admiral gave out very early his Orders, To draw out his Men in Battalia; which was accordingly performed, and they were drawn up in form of a Tertia. The Vanguard, which was led by Lieutenant Colonel Prince, and Major John Morris, was in number three hundred Men. The main Body, containing

taining fix hundred Men, the right Wing thereof was led by the 1670.
Admiral, and the Left by Colonel January Edward Collyer. The Rere-Guard con-fifting of three hundred Men, was commanded by Colonel Bledry Morgan.

Our Admiral, after having viewed his Men, and encouraged them, commanded the Officers all to repair to their respective charges. Mean while the Enemy being drawn up in an advantagious place, still kept their station, nor would at all move, though often provoked by us, fearing to lose the security of their Ground: Which our Admiral perceiving, pre-fently gave order, That our Officers should wheel our Body to the left, and endeavour to gain a Hill which was hard by, and which if once gain-ed, we should then force the Enemy to engage, to their great disadvan-tage; because he could not be able to bring out of his great Body, any more Men to fight at a time, than we should out of our small; and that we should likewise have the advan1670. Fanuary advantage, both of the Wind and Sun.

Our Officers streight put this command in execution, and in a small time we gained the Hill, together with a little dry Passage, of convenience for us. So the Enemy was constrained to fight us upon their hasty march, not having room enough to wheel their whole Body, by reason of a great Bogg, which was just at their Rear, and before which they had purposely drawn up, to entrap us: But we having thus changed our Ground, that proved in the upshot to be of prejudice to themselves:

We being thus advanced, Don Francisco de Haro, who commanded their Cavalry, with his Horse gave the first Charge to our Vanguard, which he did very suriously, coming upon the sull speed; and we having no Pikes among us, our Admiral gave order, That we should double our Ranks to the Right, and close the Files to the Right and Lest inward, to the close Order: But their siery Commander

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Upon this their Horse wheeled off to the Right, and their Foot advanced to try their Fortunes, but they proved as unsuccessful as their fellows; for we being ready, with our main Body to receive them, with our first Volley gave them such a warm welcome, and purfued our work in hand, with that vigour and briskness, that our friends the Spaniards thought it safest to retreat, and by and by were so closely plyed by our Lest Wing also, who at first could not come to engage, (because of their hindrance by the Hills) which our Enemies not able to endure, mended, though unwilling-ly, their pace, and at last all in general betook themselves to plain running.

Just before which, they practifed fuch a stratagem, as hath sel-dom been heard. For while the Foot had engaged us in the Front and the Flanks, they had contrived to

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force in, two great Droves of Oxen, of above a thousand in each, into the Right and Lest Angles of our Rear, with intention to break and disorder us: Which design might probably have taken effect, had not our prudent Admiral, with great presence of mind, spoiled their project, giving order to a small Party to fire at the Drivers, and not at the Cattle, which put the rest into so great a sear, that the Oxen were soon forced back with ease. So that this stratagem being thus defeated, they were in so great consternation, that happy was he that could get first into the City: There they had two hundred fresh men, and two Forts; in the one were six Brass Guns mounted, and in the other eight. They had all their Streets barricadoed, and in many of them had also planted great Guns; the number of which amounted in all to thirty two Brass Guns: But instead of fighting after all this preparation, the President caused the City to be fired, and his chiefest Fort Fort to be blown up, which was done with such hast, that he blew 1670. up forty of his Souldiers in it. We fanuary followed them into the Town, where in the Plaça Mayor, or chief Market place, they made a short refistence, firing some of their great Guns at us, with which they killed us four Men, and wounded five.

At three a Clock in the Afternoon, we had quiet possession of the City, although in Flames, with no more loss on our side in this days work, than five Men killed, and ten wounded; but of the Enemy about four hundred. And now were we forced to put all Hands to work for the quenching the Fire of our Enemies Houses, which they themselves had kindled to disappoint us of the Plunder; but all our labour was in vain, for by twelve a clock at Night, all the whole City was burnt, except a part of the Suburbs, which with our great industry, we made a shift to save, being two Churches, and about three hundred Houses.

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Thus was that ancient and famous 1670. City of Panama consumed and laid in Ashes; being the greatest Mart for Silver and Gold in the whole World: for it receives all the Goods and Merchandise coming from Old Spain, in the Kings great Fleet, which is first landed at Puerto Belo and Venta Cruz, and thence brought on Mules, and by other land-Carriage, hither; and likewise delivers to the Gallions of the Flota or Plate Fleet, all the Silver and Gold which comes from the Mines of Potozi, and all Peru.

Here at this City we stayed eight and twenty days, making continual incursions upon the Enemy by Land, for twenty Leagues round about, without having so much as one Gun shot at us in anger, although we took in this time near three thousand Prisoners of all forts: And kept Barks likewife cruifing in the South Sea, and fetching off Prisoners from Toboga and other Islands near that Coast, to which the Spaniards had fled with their

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rebruary the fourteenth, we quitted Panama, and began our march towards our Ship with all our Prisoners, and the next day came to Venta Cruz, at about two in the Afternoon, which is about fifteen English miles. Here we stayed refreshing our selves till the four and twentieth, giving the Spaniards opportunity to ransom their Prisoners. The twenty sixth we got to Chagre; which we found in good order since our leaving it. And here we divided the Plunder amongst the Souldiers and Seamen, which amounted to about thirty thousand Pound Sterling.

March the fixth, we fired the Castle of Chagre, having first spiked the Guns; and then embarked for our Voyage towards Jamaica; where in

a short time, we safely arrived.

The reason why we got no more wealth in that expedition, was, because they had two Months notice of us, before our coming, and conveyed most of their Treasure away on board their Ships, to be transported to Lima in Peru; one of which Ships

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1670. Febr. was laden with Gold, Silver, and precious Stones; which Ship contained seven hundred Tun: And there was likewise another of three hundred Tun, laden also with Riches, both which made their escape from us. This, together with their firing the City of Panama, made us return to empty home.

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Don Juan Perez de Guzman President of Panama, his Relation of the late Action of the English there in the West-Indies. Being a Letter intercepted by them, as it was going into Spain, and brought to Admiral Morgan. Rendred into English, out of the Spanish.

Aving had advice from the Governour of Carthagena, which he ent me by way of Darien, that the English of Jamaica, assisted by the French, needed with an Army of three thousand Men, to Invade Carthagena and anama, I presently ordered two hunred Men to march to Puerto Velo, and o Chagre one hundred and fifty. And

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Januar. ver. and fortisse it.

About five months before this I ha consulted Don Juan de Aras, Capellan c the Audiencia, and other Intelligent per fons. And they perswaded me that th Forts on the River as well as the Castle were all impregnable; And in reterated Letters which I had from Do Pedro de Lifardo, heassured me the sam of Chagre, and that I needed not t take care for them, for that although fix thousand Men should come again them, he should with the Fortification and Men he had, be able to fecur himself and destroy them: The like those who were at the passages of the River confidently affured me.

And now the Enemy being come those of the Castle of Chagre fought whole day, and desended themselve with great Valour and Resolution, Killing above two hundred Men, and repulsing above six Assaults, until the English taking advantage of the night, and

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by the help of their Fire-balls fet on Fire the Fortifications, because the outfides were of Wood. They likewise burnt the Castellans or Governours fanuar. House, being thatched with Palm, and confumed all the good Arms within. There was Killed above half the People, the Lieutenant also and the Castellan, who all had behaved themselves with great Valour, and had it not been for the Fire, the Enemy had never gained it.

At the unhappy News of the loss of this considerable Castle, those on the River were extreamly astonished, and fearing the English would come up to them with two thousand Men, Luis de: Eastillo Captain of the Mulatto's, whom, the Castellan Saludo, had ordered to his Post, a place called Barro Colorado, haring called a Council of War of those, Difficers under his Command, without laving any Order of mine or Power to o'it, retired to Barbacoa, forfaking his oft, without so much as ever seeing he Face of the Enemy: The Castellan aludo did the same, quitting the Forfications of Barbacoa, and retired with

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his Men to Cruzes. Before this, at the An Dom first notice I had of the loss of the Castle 1670. of Chagre. Two mestises called the fanuar. Sollices and a Negro of Vregoa, offered

with a hundred Men to regain the Castle, or fo to disorder the Enemy in case they should attempt to come up the River, as to hinder them: And for fear they should gain the Castle of Santos, I sent Gil de la Torre who had been Lieutenant there, to Govern and Defend it. But neither of these complied with their undertaking; for having fent two hundred and fifty chosen Men, instead of the one hundred they had defired, with the Sollices, who meeting the Enemy on the River, neither durst they stay to Fight him, as they might have done, nor did they pass on to regain the Castle of Chagre: But rather went round by the Mountain, and came out at Capira, after which they all dispersed without doing any good at all.

In this conjuncture having had the misfortune to have been lately Blooded three times for an *Eryfipelas*, I had in my right Leg, I was forced to rife out of my Bed, and march to *Guiabal* with the

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149 the rest of the People, which I had raised in Panama; where I staid until I An. Dom. understood the exact course of the E- 1670. nemies march, because I would be sure fanuar. not to miss them, for they might have gone by Barbacoa, Port Gilloa and Puerto de loes Naos.

With me I took eight hundred Men, and three hundred Negroes, that were Vassalls, and Slaves of the Assentistaes. And from the aforesaid place, I sent to Cruzes three hundred Men, amongst whom went one hundred Indians of Darien, with their Commanders; Of hese I had greater Credit and Opinion than of any others, yet had not these he courage to perform any thing.

Having been a day in Guiabal, and ny Men pretty well refreshed, I rereived a Letter from a Negro Captain, alled Prado, in which he affured me hat the Enemy marched against us wo thousand strong; which News so nuch discouraged my Men, that they eased not to importune and press me o return to the Town, protesting they would defend themselves in it to the last.

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But it being impossible then to fortifie it, An.Dem. it having many entrances, and the Houses Januar my should once make a breach, we should quickly be exposed to their fury, and forced miserably to shift for our felves; for which reasons I consented not to them. Next morning at break of day, I found my felf with not above one third part of my Men, the rest having deferted me. So that I was constrained to return back to the City, to perswade them to Fight there at Panama, there being no other remedy.

> I arrived on Saturday night at Panama, and Sunday morning went to the great Church, where having received the Holy Communion before our Bleffed Lady of Immaculate Conception, with great Devotion. I went to the principal guard, and to all that were present, I expressed my felf to this effect. I hat all those, who were True Catholicks, Defenders of the Faith, and Devoto's of our Lady of Pure and Immaculate Conception, Should follow my Person; being that same day at four a Clock in the afternoon, resolved to march out to seek the Enemy, and with. this

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15I this caution, that he that should refuse to do it, should be held for Infamous and a An. Down. Coward, basely slighting so precise an Januar. Obligation.

All proffered me their affiftance, except those that had slunk from me at Guiabal; And when I had drawn them up in order, I carried the chief of them to the great Church, where in the prefence of our Lady of Pure and Immaculate Conception, I made an Oath to die in her Defence; And I gave her a Diamond Ring of the Value of forty thouand pieces of Eight, in token of Compliance with my word, and heartily invoked her aid. And all present made the same Oath, with much fervour.

The Images of the Pure and Immacuate Conception, ever fince the day of the Fight at Chagre Castle, had been carried out in general Procession, attended by. Ill the Religious, and Fraternity of the Cathedral of St. Francis, that of the Nuns of our Lady of the Refarie, those of San Dominge, and those of the Meredes, together with all the Saints and Patrons of the Religious. And always

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the most Holy Sacrament in all Churches

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1670. view. Masses were continually said for my happy success. I parted with all my Jewels and Relicks collected in my Pilgrimage, presenting them to the afforesaid Images, Saints and Patrons.

After this I marched with my Army about a League from Panama having with me three Field pieces covered with leather and charged. And from that place I ordered another Party with two other Guns, of the Men which came from the River, being above three hundred, to advance towards the Enemy, which neither did any good.

This Body of Men which I had thus brought with me, was compounded of two forts, Valiant Military Men, and faint hearted Cowards, many of them having all their Estates, or pay due to them, left in the Castle of Chagre, and Puerto Velo, and a great part of my Men were Negroes, Nulattos and Indians, to the number of about twelve hundred, besides two hundred Negroes more belonging to the Astiento. Our Fire Arms were few

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153 few and bad, in comparison of those the Enemy brought: For ours were Carbins, An. Dim. Harquebusses and Fowling pieces, but fanuar. left in Puerto Velo and Chagre.

Now having formed the Army, into two double Squadrons, and the Cavalry which were two hundred, mounted on the same tired Horses which had brought them thither, and with two great Herds of Oxen and Bulls, drove thither by fifty Cow-keepers on purpose to disorder the Enemy. The Army all appeared brisk and courageous, defireing nothing more than to engage; nor wanted there any thing of Regalo to infuse Spirit into them. So that it feemed to me, by what I saw, and what they told me, that they would be able to charge the Enemy like Lightning.

On Wednesday morning, the Enemy appeared, seeming to direct their march towards our Rear in three Squadrons, wherein they had two thousand three hundred Men, as I understood for certain afterwards, but by and by they taking a compass, advanced to the Front of our Army.

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Army. I had put for Leader of our left An Dom. Wing Don Alonso Alcandete, and for Leader 1670. of the right Wing the Governour of Beragues, Don Juan Portando Bargueno, and in the Centre the Serjeant Major; To these I gave strict Command that none should move without my order, and that coming within shot, the three first Ranks; should Fire on their Knees, and after this charge, they should give place to the Rear to come up and Fire, and that: although they should chance to see any fall Dead, or Wounded, they should not quit their stations, but to the last extremity observe these their Orders.

> I was at this time in the right Wing of the Vanguard, watching the Enemies: motion, which was hasty, by the Foot: of a Hill, in a narrow place, about three Musket shot from the left Wing of our Army. When on a fudden I heard a loud clamour, crying out, Fall on, fall on; For they Fly. At which Don Alonso de Alcaudete, was not able to keep them in their Ranks nor stop them from running away, though he cut them with his Sword, but they all fell into disorder; And I well knowing the Fatality of this,

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save command that they should drive n the Herds of Cattle, and charge An. Dom. vith the Horse. So putting my self 1670.

n the Head of the Squadron of the fanuar. ight Wing, saying, Come along Boys, there s no other remedy now, but to Conquer, or Die; Follow me. I went directly to the nemy, and hardly did our Men see: ome fall Dead, and others Wounded, ut they turned their backs, and fled; eaving me there with only one Negro, nd one Servant that followed me. Yet went forward to comply with my vord to the Virgin, which was to Die n her Defence, receiving a shot in a taff which I carried in my Hand upight close to my cheek. At which monent came up to me a Priest of the reat Church, called Juan de Dios (who vás wont to say Mass in my House) eseeching me to retire and save my elf whom I twice sharply reprehended. but the third time, he persisting, telling ne that it was meer desperation to Die nithat manner, and not like a Christian. Vith that I retired, it being a miracle f the Virgin to bring me off safe from midst so many theusand Bullets.

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After this I endeavoured with all my An. Dom. industry to perswade the Souldiers to turn and face our Enemies, but it was Januar. impossible; so that nothing hindering them, they entred the City, to which the Slaves and Owners of the Houses had put Fire, and being all of Boards and Timber, 'twas most of it quickly burnt, except the Audiencia, the Governours House, the Convent of the Mercedes, San Joseph, the Suburbs of Malambo, and Pierde Vidas, at which they fay, the Enemy fretted very much for being disappointed of their Plunder. And because they had brought with them an English Man, whom they called The Prince, with intent there to Crown him King of the Terra Firma.

> The English having thus got possession of the Relicks of our Town, found a Bark in the Fasca, although I had given order there should be none, yet had they not complied with my command, and when they would have fet it on Fire, the Enemy came fast and put it out, and with it did us much damage, for they took three more with it, and made great havock of all they found in the

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Islas del Rey, taking and bringing 1670.

rom thence many Prisoners.

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After this misfortune, I gave order o all the People I met, that they should lay for me at Nata for there I intended to form the Body of an Army, once nore to encounter the English. But when I came to that City, I found not one Soul therein, for all were field to the Mountains.

The same happened to me at the Fown from whence I dispatched a Vestel to Peru, with the sad News of our nisfortune, as I had done by Land to fuatimala, Mexico, and by Puerto Velo o Sparue.

And although I afterwards attempted everal times to form an Army, yet I ould not do any good of it, because to Man would be perswaded to follow ne. So that I remained utterly destitute of any Guard, till such time as the English marched back to the Castle of hagre to make his Voyage for Janaica.

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There embarked themselves for Peru, without seeing the face of an Enemy the Castellan Saludo, (whom I did not believe to be such a one) Don Juan de Aras, Francisco Gonzales Carasco being a young lively Captain, and many of thers.

This Sir, has been a Chastisement from Heaven, and the same might have happened to that great Captain Gensale Fernando de Cordova, as did to me, if his Men had deserted him, for one Man alone can do little.

In the middle of all this Torrent of Affliction, it was no small good fortune, to have the Fort of San Geromino in Puerto Velo finished; And to have the Fortifications of those two Castles made there anew. Because their first intent was to have attaqued the said Castles, which are, as report goes, well-furnished with Men and Ammunition.

If all were lost, I hope God would give me patience to suffer so great a Punishment. But so it is, that all the Presidents together that this Kingdom has ever

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of what I have done, in order to the prevention of these mischies: But Januar. I know my self so unfortunate as not to have People sent me out of Spain that are paid; And so long as that shall happen not to be so in this Kingdom, and that Chagre and Panama shall not be fortisted, they will be in perpetual danger of loseing the Indies.

This is what has passed, omitting infinite particulars, not to enlarge too much, and which is all I have to say to you, whose Life God preserve many years. Panama, &c.

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An.Dom: 1671. July.

The Relation of Colonel Beeston, his Voyage to Carthagena, for adjusting the Peace made in Spain, for the West-Indies, &c.

Olonel William Beeston having received Orders and Instructions from the Honourable Sir Thomas Linch Knight his Majesties Lieutenant Governour of the Island of Jamaica, to embark on the Assistance Frigate, for his Negotiation to Carthagena, there to Congratulate and Adjust with that Governour the Peace that had been made in Madrid for the West-Indies, by his Excellency Sir William Godolphin Knight his Majesty of Great Brittains Ambassador in the Court of Spain: And the Conde de Penneranda; And having also Power to demand all fuch Prisoners not only English but any other Nation, which had Colonel Beeston his

had been taken under the Colours of his An. Dom. Majesty in order to his Service. 167I. Fuly.

On Sunday, July the fixteenth 1671. We went aboard, and immediately put to Sea; The Colonel having a handsome Train of Servants, and half a dozen Gentlemen, who went out of respect to wait on him, and of curiofity to fee the Spaniards Country. We had also attending on us another Frigate called the Welcome, commanded by Captain Vilgresse.

Wednesday the nineteenth, Captain Hubert having been sick some few days before, died at about four a Clock in the fternoon, in the latitude of fifteen derees: And on the twentieth at ten in he morning, and in latitude fourteen egrees was decently, and with the usual teremonies of fuch persons dying there, uryed in the Sea.

Sunday the twenty third in the mornng, we fell in with the Land of Carthaena and stood towards the City, which e came in view of at one a Clock; And leing within about a league and a half of had

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it, the Colonel sent off the Pinnace, An Dom. with a White Flag, and in her Mr. Wil-1671. liam Stone, and Mr. David Gomez, with July: these Orders: That after due respects paid to the Governour, they should tell him that the Ships that appeared before the City, were two of his Majesty of Great Britains Frigats, which were fent thither by the Honourable Sir Thomas Linch his Majesties Lieutenant Governour of Jamaica. And that they were fent from a Gentleman on board to him, to let him know who he was, and further to acquaint him, that he came by order of the faid Governour to Congratulate, and adjust with him, the Peacel made in Madrid for the West-Indies:

That the said Gentleman desired tooknow, whether they might have Liberally to come on shoar, and return on board again with safety, as their business might require: The which if he would promise they would come ashoar, and import what they had in Commission to him.

The Colonel moreover ordered then of to acquaint the Governour, that it was

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not the Custom of his Majesties Ships An. Dom. of War, to salute any place where-ever 1671. they should come with their Ordinance, unless they were assured of a due return, which if he would please to promise by those Gentlemen at their coming back on board; We would falute the City.

About five in the evening our Pinnace came off with their White Flag furled, ind Mr. Stone at his coming aboard, prought this account: That the Governour entreated him to tell the Colonel, hat he was very welcome; that he shouldhave all the Liberty he could defire, oth in coming ashoar and returning aoard; that the City was ready to reeive us with all respect, and where we hould be with all manner of Freedom; nd that the Colonel might assure himelf, he should be treated, as a Personearing that Character ought to be: nd if we should think good to salute ne City, they would return the respect ith an equal number of Guns. Which ivil answer having received, we fired om the Assistance twenty one, and from we Welcome fifteen Guns, which they M 2 answered

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answered from their Walls with forty.

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Munday the twenty fourth, we went ashoar, with both the Ships Pinnaces, and for the more solemnity, had salutes from both the Frigates at our putting off.

At our landing, which was at a small distance from the Town-wall, we were met by ten Coaches, a Company of Foot, the Serjeant Major of the Town, and the Captain Bocca Chica the Castellan, or Commander of the Castle, with several other Gentlemen of Quality and saluted with those Ordinance, which lay on that part of the Wall next us, and thence conducted to the House of the Governour Don Pedro de Ribardaneira, in our way to which, the streets were extreamly thronged with People who wondred much at our Garb, being used to see none but those of their own Nation.

When we came to the Governours of who received us at the stair head, en in tring into a large Room, we found him waited on by about fifty of the Ber Gentleme

Gentlemen of the City, who as himself was, were richly habited, and adorned with Gold and Jewels, and many of 1671. Them of the Orders of Saint Jago, Carley, latrava, and Alcantara. After the Ceremony of our reception was over, all then sate down; The Governour with great compliment placing the Coonel, and Captain Reide his Companion, in the two sirst Chairs on the right land, no Apologies on their parts erving to excuse it.

After this the Colonel delivered his etters and other Papers relating to the Affair he came about, which were given o the Secretary, to cause them to be ranslated, and then they passed the ime in publick Discourse. At noon, ve were treated with an extraordinay Dinner, served all in Plate, and enertained with Musick, much Chearilness shown, and great expressions of neir Satisfaction, by Drinking his Masties Health, the Queens, his Royal lighness the Duke of Yorks and others. etwixt this, and Wednesday, during hich, the Papers were translating; e spent most of the time in treating M 3

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fuch Gentlemen of Quality, as the Go-An.Dom. vernour permitted to come on board, and see the Frigates; who gave him an account of the Strength and Beauty of them, with which, and their entertainment, they were infinitely pleafed.

> On Wednesday morning the Governour called his Council together, and having placed Colonel Beefton on his right Hand, and Captain Reide on his The Papers were all read, and the business of the Peace was Discours ed, not without much resentment, for the taking of *Panama*, which was with great eagerness and dissatisfaction urged, as done after certain notice of the conclusion of the Peace, which they alledged was published in Carthagena the second of March.

> All which the Colonel excused, as the much as he could, acquainting them with our Ignorance of it in Jamaica; till the Arrival of Sir Thomas Linch our Prest fent Governour.

Then the Colonel demanded of them w our English Prisoners taken by them in which

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which were immediately delivered to is, to the number of three and thirty; And to pacifie in some measure their complaints, it was at length concluded on by us, That all Spanish Negroes, of he Provinces of Carthagena and Panava, which had been taken and could be ound in Jamaica, and that could prove hey were free in their own Country, hould be fet at liberty: And that all Vegroes of the said Provinces, which vere Slaves should be redeemed by their Masters, if they would come for them, t eighteen or twenty pounds per head.

After we had quite finished our busiess, The City invited us to Dinner, where we were nobly treated, as well ith Featting, as with their great Guns, nd all other expressions of their Joy or the Peace. Though in the main, ney seemed suspicious, as doubting rhether or no we intended to keep it rictly; And to strengthen it, soon afr Dinner, there came an Express to ne Governour, from the wind-ward, lying him an account, that there were vo Privateers come to an Anchor, near oymt de Canu, which is about five leagues

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from the City. At which they feemed An. Dom. infinitely distatisfied, and confidently 1671. affirmed they must needs be English, and told us with all that there was but fmall likelihood the Peace should be long continued, when our Privateers came before the Town, whilst we were there treating with them, and owning the Peace. To appeale which the Colo nel assured them, Sir Thomas Linch had called in all the Commissions, and that he was confident we had not one Privateer abroad. So that if there were any fuch Vessells out, they were French of Tor tuga; But for their better satisfaction if the Governour defire it, he would fend one of the Frigats to see what they Which offer he gladly accepted And that he might see we intended no thing more than the Preservation of the Peace, the Colonel fent Captain Wil gresse to Sea, who returned again in twenty four hours, having been beyond the place, where they were reported to have been, but faw none, at which the were again fatisfied.

> The remainder of the time we stain here, which was whilst the Governour

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Papers were dispatching, we spent in viewing the Town, and treating several Gentlemen of theirs a board, who were curious to see the Frigats and their strength.

The City of Carthagena lies on a Bay by the Sea side, built on a Sand, but to Landward it is very boggy. It is in length about three quarters of a mile, and not full half a mile in breadth. 'Tis walled all round with a thick stone wall of about four and twenty foot high; with Bastions built with Orillons, in some parts, in others they are plain: But has neither Graffs nor Ramparts. The Guns which are in number one hundred twenty fix, are most Brass and Copper, and lie upon the Parapets, and looking over the tops of the walls, without either Battlements, or common Baskets, to blind them. In the wall are three Gates; one to the South called San Domingo; one to the North East, called Santa Catalina, and one to the East, which goes to the Harbour, and into the Country This City nevertheless is not strong, for there is neither Castle, nor any considerable place of strength in it; and moreover to the North

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An.Dom. winds have made in the wall three great Breaches, which may be entred with ease. The People likewise are not many besides Church Men, and for the most part are Creolians who are half Spaniard and half Indian; There are also many Molatto's and Negroes amongst them. Their Souldiers are Armed (for Fire Arms) only with match Locks, in the use of which they are likewise very unexpert.

The City in general is well built with Stone, and covered with Tile; the streets are narrow, and the Houses for the most part contiguous, and most of them four or five stories high, with Balconies of Wood and great Wooden Lattices as they have in Spain. Here are many Beautiful Churches, and other Publick Structures. One of their greatest wants is fresh water, having none but what falls from the Clouds, for the reception whereof, they have large Cisterns in most Houses and likewise under the Bastions in the walls, where they keep and husband it till God send a fresh supply. The Town appears very Beauti-

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ful at a distance, for there are many Cocao An. Dom. Nut Trees which resemble Palms, grow-1671. ng promiscuously in several parts there-Fuly. of, and overtopping the Houses; which s a delightful Ornament to it.

On the East side of it, about a mile listant, upon an Eminence stands a Castle called Santa Madalena, provided with many Guns of Brass, Copper and Iron, which they look upon, as of great trength, and able to do much in their defence, and for preservation of their City.

Whilst we staid here some of our Company were desirous to treat with one Herman an Eminent Factor here for he Grillo's Genoese Merchants in Spain, n hopes to have fold him some Negroes rom Jamaica, but he was so ill beloved by the People, and they were so suspicious of us, lest we should sell the Negroes which waited on us, that we could not have any discourse with him.

On Friday the twenty eighth. We received our Letters and Dispatches, ind in the afternoon took our leaves of

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¥72 the Governour and City, and went on An Dom board, staying all Saturday to fit our 1671, Ships. Fully.

Sunday morning we Sailed, saluting the City at our going off; which they with the same number of Guns answered,

Tuesday, August the first, we met with the Santa Cruz. Captain Francisco Garibaldo Commander, a Ship of thirty two Guns. Sixteen Petreros, and a hundred and fix Men, she belonged to the Grillo's, and had on board a hundred and twenty thousand pieces of Eight, with which she was going from Carthagena, to Corizo, to buy Negroes. Out of her we took Five Prisoners, which made our number thirty eight. After which we passed on; And without any thing worthy of remark in our Voyage, standing over for Jamaica; On Munday August the seventh in the morning, we arrived, and came to an Anchor in Port Royal Harbour.

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